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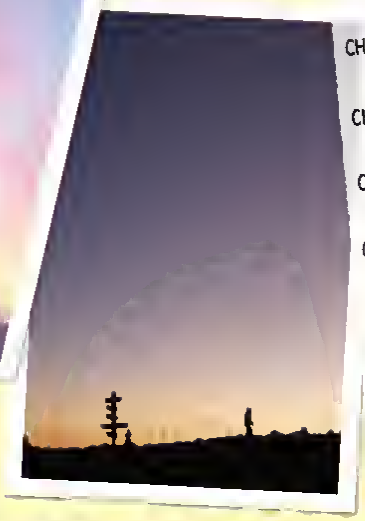

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THIS IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL MOMENT IN THE WORLD
SHIVER
AOI.
TAKE A GOOD LOOK.
HINATA.
YOU PROMISE. ?
SQUEEZE.
YEAH.
LET'S COME BACK TOGETHER ONE DAY!

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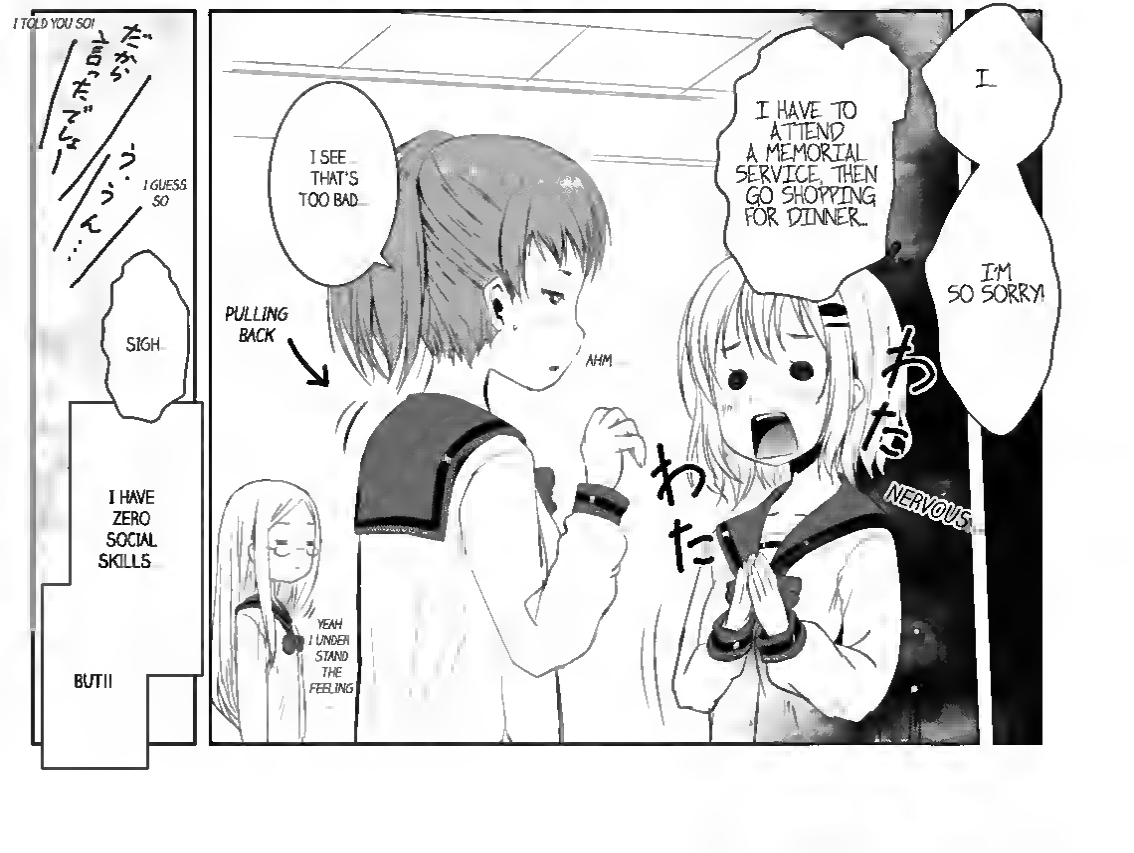
CHAPTER 1: ABSOLUTELY NO MOUNTAIN!

...I MADE A PROMISE WITH A CHILDHOOD FRIEND
WHIMPERING
みど みど
WE'LL BE FINE!
CAN WE REALLY DO IT ALONE?
A LONG TIME AGO...
BU, BUT...
...WE'D VISIT THIS PLACE TOGETHER AGAIN.
REALLY?!
HMM, MAYBE WHEN YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL.
HEY DAD, CAN WE COME HERE BY OURSELVES?
THAT WHEN WE GREW UP...
...WE DRIFTED APART AT SOME POINT.
...TIME PASSED AND...
BUT...
AWESOME!
AND I ENDED UP BECOMING A HIGH SCHOOLER.
...THE PROMISES WE MADE.
EVENTUALLY, I FORGOT ALL ABOUT ...

MY NAME IS AOI YUKIMURA.
AND TODAY IS MY FIRST DAY AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.
WHAT ABOUT HER?
OH, WE WENT TO THE SAME JUNIOR HIGH, BUT SHE'S KIND OF BAD AT BEING SOCIAL
SHE WAS ALWAYS COMING UP WITH BIZARRE EXCUSES NOT TO GO OUT
LET'S GIVE HER A TRY ANYHOW
YUKIMURA SAN!
YUKIMURA SAN?
GRINNING...

WHAT...
WHAT IS IT!!?
UMM...
I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WANTED GRAB SOMETHING TO EAT WITH US?
FLINCH!


I TOLD YOU SO!
だから言ったじゃーん
I GUESS SO
うーん…
SIGH
I HAVE ZERO SOCIAL SKILLS
BUT!!
I SEE... THAT'S TOO BAD...
I HAVE TO ATTEND A MEMORIAL SERVICE, THEN GO SHOPPING FOR DINNER...
I...
I'M SO SORRY!
PULLING BACK
AHM
わたし
NERVOUS
YEAH I UNDERSTAND THE FEELING

OKAY!
I'M GONNA GO BUY INGREDIENTS TO MAKE SOME SWEETS!
STOP BY THE LIBRARY
AND LOOK FOR NEW CHARMS AT THE ARTS & CRAFTS SHOP!
I'LL JUST DO WHATEVER I WANT IN HIGH SCHOOL, TOO
BOOM!
EH?

AOI!
IT'S BEEN
A WHILE!
I HAVEN'T
SEEN YOU
SINCE
GRADE SCHOOL!
oooooo!?
...IN THE
HELL!?
WHO...

*NAOMI UMEMURA: JAPANESE EXPLORER EXTRAORDINAIRE. HE WENT TO THE NORTH POLE ALONE. HE WENT MISSING AT MOUNT MCKINLEY.

NAOMI UMEMURA (1941 - 1984)
YOU ALSO SAID YOU'D CLIMB TSURUGI DAKE* WITH ONE HAND!
OR THAT YOU'D GO AFTER NAOMI UEMURA* AND CLIMB MOUNT MCKINLEY!*
YES, YOU DID!
WHAT WAS I THINKING!?

*TSURUGI DAKE MOUNTAIN (2,998M): IT HAS THE MOST DANGEROUS CLIMBING PATH OF ANY PUBLIC MOUNTAIN IN JAPAN.
*MOUNT MCKINLEY (6,194M): THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN THE NORTHERN AMERICAN CONTINENT. LOCATED IN ALASKA. TEMPERATURES GET TO -70 CELSIUS - WHICH IS SUPER COLD.

WE CAN START MAKING PLANS
LET'S JUST GO OVER TO MY HOUSE
TUG!
NO!
SQUEEEAK!
NO MOUNTAIN!
SO!
LET'S START WITH THE MOUNTAIN WE MADE OUR PROMISE ON!
OH NO. I'VE GOTTA COME UP WITH AN EXCUSE
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE ENDED UP AT THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL
THIS MUST BE FATE!
Y YOU THINK SO?
ABSOLUTELY NO MOUNTAINS!
だから…!
SO!
I'VE BEEN AFRAID OF HEIGHTS!
EVER SINCE I FELL OFF OF THE JUNGLE GYM IN GRADE SCHOOL...

STAB!
HA HA.
ANTI-SOCIAL NERDS ARE NEVER POPULAR
YOU STAY THAT WAY AND YOU WON'T BE MAKING ANY FRIENDS.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, JUST COME WITH ME.
BUT... WE COULD GET LOST...
GET THROUGH!
IT COULD BE DANGEROUS
MY THOUGHTS!
DRAG...

THIS ONE'S A BIG TROUBLEMAKER...
NOW I REMEMBER.

AOI!
OVER HERE!

GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN
YOU TOO SIR

I'M HOME!

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!
ISN'T MY DAD'S CLIMBING GEAR AMAZING?!

LET'S USE THIS STUFF TO GO CLIMBING
LIKE, RIGHT NOW!
AH
WELL...
WAIT A SECOND
!?
OH! MAYBE HE'S GONNA PUT A STOP TO THIS!?

BUT IF YOU HAVE THE PROPER KNOWLEDGE, YOU'LL BE FINE.
OH NO ...
KEEP GOING!
THAT MOUNTAIN CAN BE PRETTY DANGEROUS A FEW PEOPLE DIE ON THAT MOUNTAIN EVERY YEAR
YOU CAN'T GO STRAIGHT THERE
SERIOUSLY?!
BUT YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE OUTDOORS, DO YOU?
FOR EXAMPLE DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?
Mona bell
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID WHEN WE WERE KIDS!
I DON'T WANT TO GO!
BOO!
COME OVER HERE FOR A SECOND
A WEAPON TO FIGHT A BEAR?
HA HA YOU'RE PRETTY BRAVE
BUT THAT'S WRONG

TENT
FRAME
TENT COVER
IT CONSISTS OF A FRAME, PEGS, A TENT...
AND THE COVER THAT GOES OVER THE TENT
PEGS
THIS IS ACTUALLY A TENT
NO WAY! IT'S SO SMALL!
WHEN YOU LIFT THE FRAME...
THE ROPE INSIDE LOOSENS, THEN...
THEY SNAP INTO PLACE
COOL!
!!
AFTER THAT...

WOW!
THAT WAS SO FAST!
CAN I TOUCH IT?
GO FOR IT
PLACE THE PEGS AROUND THE TENT TO MOUNT IT
AND YOU'RE DONE!

YOU ATTACH THE MAIN TENT...
...TO THE FRAME...
...PUT THE TENT COVER OVER IT...
FWAP!
ふぁさぁ

HEY!!
LET'S GET INSIDE!

LOOK! THIS IS SO LIGHT!
AWESOME!!
Y YEAH...

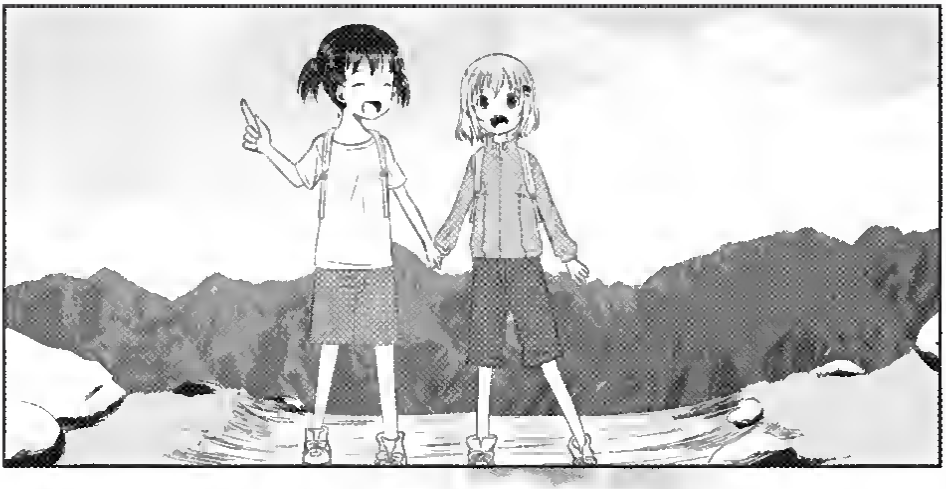
I DON'T WANT TO END UP ACTUALLY CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
WHAT
IT'S SO SMALL INSIDE!
!
YOU ACTUALLY DIDN'T REMEMBER ME DID YOU?
HEY
IT'S SO DARK IN HERE I'M GONNA OPEN THE TENT
AOI, SO YOU HAVE YOUR THING NOW RIGHT?
I JUST GOT A LITTLE TOO EXCITED BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN SO LONG
THANKS FOR HANGING OUT WITH ME, EVEN THOUGH I FORCED YOU TO

...
IT'S SO PRETTY

UMM

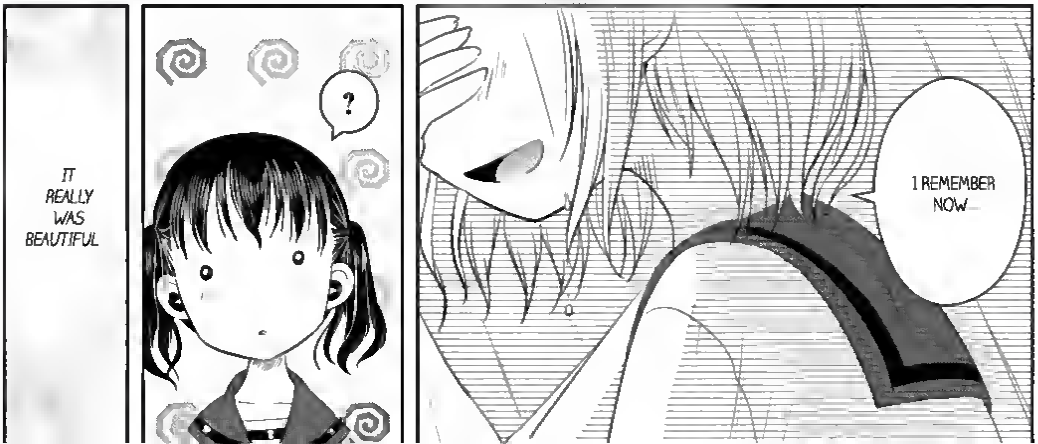
I'LL GO CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN WITH MY DAD
SQUEEZE!

I'M GLAD WE GOT TO SEE THIS TOGETHER
I'M SORRY TO HAVE DRAGGED YOU AROUND.



RIGHT... THAT'S RIGHT...

WE... WENT TOGETHER...



REALLY?!
THE WORDS JUST SORT OF CAME OUT...
MAYBE WE CAN GO... TOGETHER...
IF IT'S NOT TOO HIGH...
BUT...
I REGRET THIS JUST A LITTLE BIT...
LET'S DO THIS!
BUT I'M AFRAID OF HEIGHTS...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! WE CAN TOTALLY DO IT!
CAN WE START WITH SOMEWHERE LOWER...? LIKE THE HILLS OVER THERE...?
LET'S GO TO THE MOUNT FUJI!

IT WON'T FIT
THE BAG FOR THE TENT TENDS TO BE VERY SMALL AND IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO PACK IT IN.
SQUEEZE!

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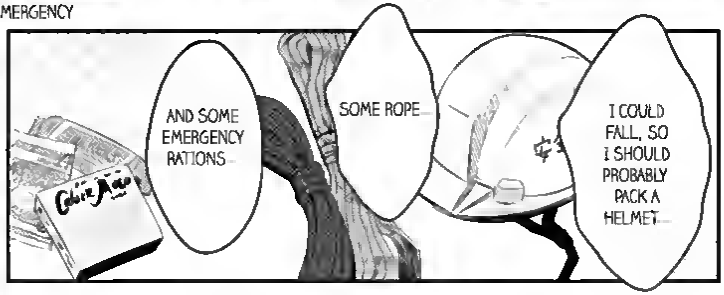
WHOOOOOSH!!
ビュゴオオオオオ
GRUNT
AND WE COULD DIE!!
WE COULD GET STRANDED!
WE HAVE TO PREPARE CAREFULLY

WHAT SHOULD I PACK TO CLIMB THE SNOWY MOUNTAIN ...?!
WHAT DO I DO...
MESSY...
非常用
BAG EMERGENCY

OH BOY, WHAT DO I DO...


AND SOME EMERGENCY RATIONS...
SOME ROPE...
I COULD FALL, SO I SHOULD PROBABLY PACK A HELMET...

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CHAPTER 2: IS MOUNTAIN CLIMBING SERIOUS BUSINESS!?

CHATTER CHATTER...
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AOI,
HEY AOI!
WHICH ONE SHOULD WE CLIMB?!
ジャーン!
TA-DA!
MEH...
ALL OF THOSE LOOK INCREDIBLY HIGH...
CAN WE JUST GO OVER TO THE HILLS OR SOMETHING FOR OUR FIRST TRY?
DON'T GO BACKING OUT NOW!
YOU GOTTA PUSH YOUR LIMITS IF YOU WANNA BE A POPULAR GIRL!
O...OKAY...
POPULARITY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS
CLENCH!

OKAY, FINE.
AROUND HERE...
LET'S TRY A MOUNTAIN AROUND HERE.
THAT SHE'S GONNA END UP CHOOSING SOMEWHERE REALLY HIGH...
SIGH
I'M SO WORRIED
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I'M CAPABLE OF!
CALLING ME UNPOPULAR, HUH?!
HA HA...
HEY UNPOPULAR GIRL
PWAP!
I SHOULD PACK SOME TASTY TREATS. OTHERWISE I'LL HAVE NOTHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO
ROLL...
AT LEAST

I WILL...
SHOW HER WHAT I CAN DO!
CHOP CHOP
ALRIGHT!
LET'S DO THIS!
MESSY...
ONE HOUR LATER
THIS LOOKS PRETTY GOOD!
ALRIGHT!
CLINK
OH NO!
I STILL HAVE TO PACK!
SOGGY...
LEFTOVER A LA CARTE SANDWICH
MEH, WHATEVER
!
WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT HERS

NEXT DAY
HUH? WHY ARE YOU WEARING YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM!?
登山口
WHAT ARE YOU WEARING?
SIGN: ENTRANCE
DOOM!
W..WE'RE GOING TO GET STRANDED!
I DON'T WANNA DIE!!
YAY!
HURRY! OVER HERE!
S. SHOULD WE GO?
SURE
THUD...

I PICKED A FAIRLY LOW MOUNTAIN FOR YOU!
WHAT?
MOUNT TENRAN'S ELEVATION IS ONLY 197M.
197M... THAT MEANS IT'S STILL 50M TALLER THAN THE TOKYO TOWER
DOOM
OH NO... WE'RE GONNA DIE, AREN'T WE?
AHHHHHH...
DON'T WORRY. WE'LL BE FINE!
HA HA!
UGH...I'M SCARED...

AM I GONNA BE OKAY...?
AOI, CHECK THIS OUT!
I FOUND A MUSHROOM!
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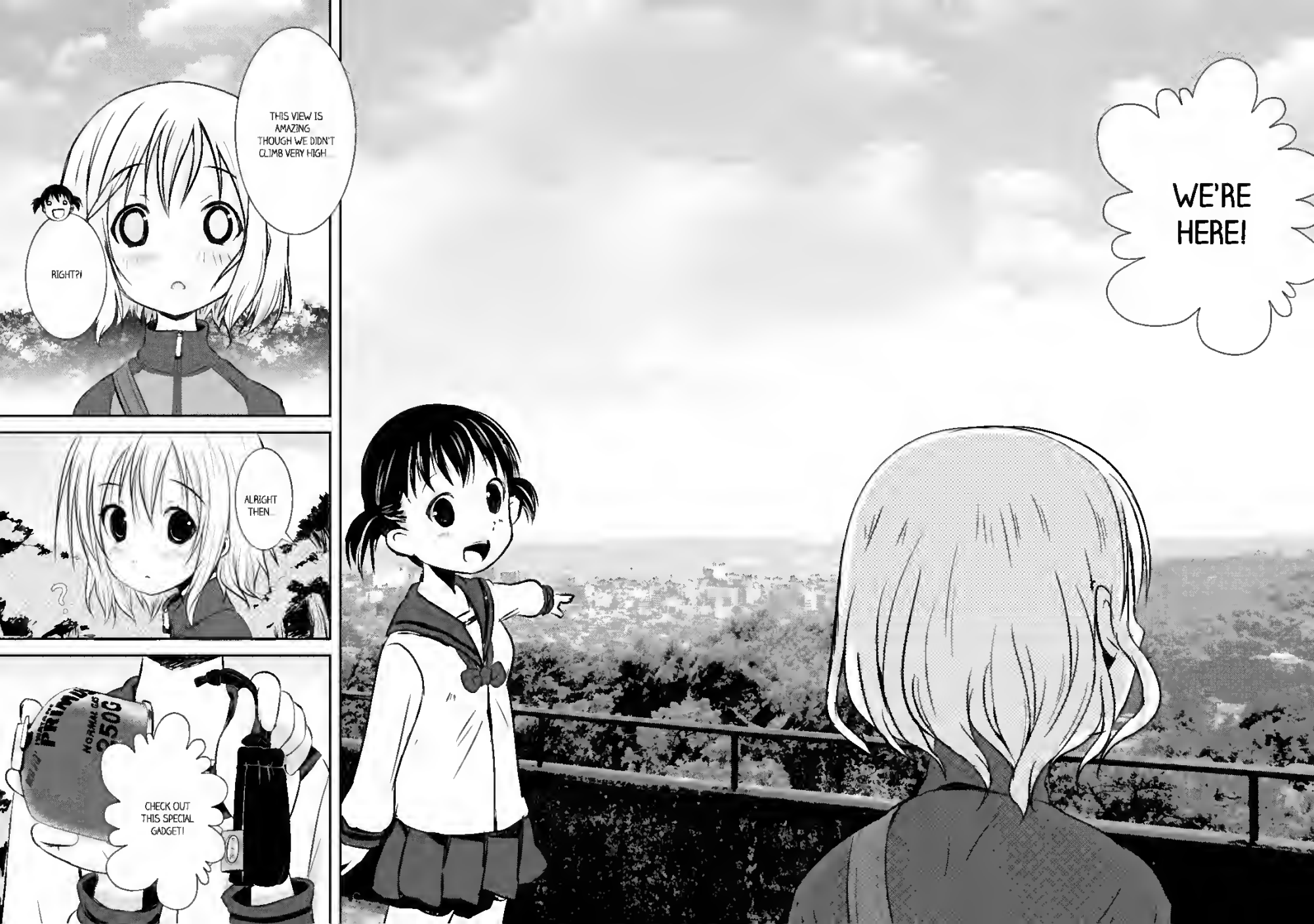
BOOM!

OH... SHE'S CONCERNED ABOUT ME
I'M... I'M SORRY
YOU LOOKED WORRIED SO I THOUGHT THIS WOULD CHEER YOU UP
WHAT IN THE...
WHAAA!!
SO HUGE!!

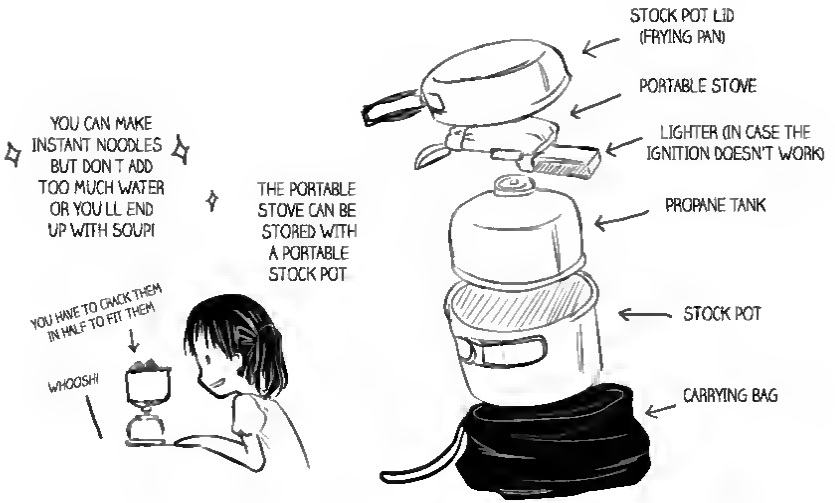
IT FEELS SO NICE BEING IN THE WOODS!
BUT...
YEAH...
THIS IS A LOT EASIER THAN I THOUGHT...
NOW RELAXED ENOUGH TO LOOK AROUND
OH! A LIZARD
HEY, IT LOOKS BRIGHT AHEAD I THINK WE'VE REACHED THE TOP
WHAT? ALREADY?
WAS CLIMBING REALLY THIS EASY!?
NOR IS IT SCARY OR DANGEROUS...
THERE'S NO DROP OFFS...


WE'RE HERE!
THIS VIEW IS AMAZING... THOUGH WE DIDN'T CLIMB VERY HIGH...
RIGHT?!
ALRIGHT THEN...
?
CHECK OUT THIS SPECIAL GADGET!

YOU PUT THESE TOGETHER LIKE THIS
CLING!
WANNA GUESS WHAT THIS IS?
?
I BORROWED THIS FROM MY DAD
I THOUGHT MAYBE WE COULD
MAKE SOME TEA TOGETHER
WE CAN BOIL WATER WITH THIS!!
THIS IS WHERE IT IGNITES IT'S PRETTY LOUD
TA DA! A PORTABLE GAS STOVE!!
ADJUSTING KNOB
IGNITION SWITCH
PROPANE TANK
PRIMUS
NORMAL GAS
250G
...
WHOOOOSH...
ざー…
ごごご…

YEAH.
IT'S GOOD, RIGHT?
HERE YOU GO!
SERIOUSLY!?
THAT'S SO MINDFUL, AOI!!
I FORGOT I MADE US SOME SANDWICHES
OH!
WOW, THIS LOOKS AMAZING! THANK YOU!
THE CLEAN ONES THAT SHE MADE FOR HERSELF
I HOPE YOU LIKE IT
THE LEFT OVER SANDWICH

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE NEXT ONE ALREADY!?
ALRIGHT SO WHERE ARE WE GOING NEXT?
THAT WAS GREAT! THANK YOU!
PHEW
LET'S GO SOMEWHERE WITH AN EVEN MORE AMAZING VIEW!
OF COURSE!
MMM, THESE COOKIES ARE UNDER COOKED
MUNCH MUNCH
NOT ENOUGH CHOCOLATE CHIPS EITHER...
SHE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ME THAT'S WHY SHE PICKED AN EASY ONE THIS TIME ?
MAYBE SHE HAS GROWN UP A BIT...
I'LL TAKE THAT BACK...
HA HA!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
NEVER MIND...


YOU CAN MAKE INSTANT NOODLES BUT DON'T ADD TOO MUCH WATER OR YOU'LL END UP WITH SOUP!
THE PORTABLE STOVE CAN BE STORED WITH A PORTABLE STOCK POT
YOU HAVE TO CRACK THEM IN HALF TO FIT THEM
WHOOSH!
STOCK POT LID (FRYING PAN)
PORTABLE STOVE
LIGHTER (IN CASE THE IGNITION DOESN'T WORK)
PROPANE TANK
STOCK POT
CARRYING BAG

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HEY AOI
"THOSE"? YOU MEAN THE SANDWICHES I MADE LAST TIME?
THOSE WERE SO GOOD!
WELL, IF YOU LIKED THEM THAT MUCH
CAN YOU MAKE SOME MORE? PLEASE!
YEAH! CAN YOU MAKE OTHER THINGS TOO?
THIS TIME LET'S MAKE THEM WITH JUST THE CAMPING GEAR!
WHAT?!

WE'LL DO A COOK OFF!
COME ON!!
えー…
MEH
WELL... COOKING IS NOT THAT EASY...
THEN I'M COOKING TOO!
WE COULD COOK ANYTHING!
IF WE HAD A PORTABLE GAS STOVE AND A PORTABLE STOCK POT
SOMEWHAT INTERESTED NOW.
CLICK CLICK
カタカタ
WHAT IN THE HELL IS A PORTABLE STOCK POT ANYHOW...
SHE'S SO EXCITABLE
THE PORT K
IT'S SO SMALL...
PRIMUS
250C
AND KINDA CUTE.
WHAT CAN I MAKE WITH THIS?
コッヘル
A PROPANE GAS STOVE CAN FIT INSIDE
AH. I SEE, THE POT CAN BE USED AS STORAGE AND MADE TO BE COMPACT...
HANDLES CAN BE FOLDED TO SAVE SPACE
GENERALLY MADE OF ALUMINUM OR TITANIUM AND IT'S VERY LIGHT
THE SMALL PIECE IS USED AS A FRYING PAN. THE LARGE PIECE IS USED AS A COOKING POT

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CHAPTER 3: THE OUTDOOR COOK-OFF!?

NOW I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT I CAN COOK WITH JUST A STOVE...
ALRIGHT... I'VE GOT ALL THE INGREDIENTS...
I GUESS HINATA WOULD LIKE SOMETHING OTHER KIDS WOULD LIKE... CURRY RICE MAYBE ?
OR MAYBE SOME HAMBURGER STEAK. BUT THE GROUND MEAT CAN GO BAD TOO QUICKLY
A STOCK POT LID... I GUESS IT'S ABOUT THIS SIZE FRYING PAN...
...
WAIT A SECOND... WHY AM I THINKING OF SOMETHING SHE'D LIKE ?
THIS IS A COOK OFF! A SERIOUS BATTLE!
よし買い物に行こう！

TIME TO GO SHOPPING!

HMM...
THIS IS PRETTY TOUGH...
WHEN COOKING OUTDOORS
SOMETHING THAT'LL BE GOOD
IT'S HARD TO STAY MAD AT HER.
THEN AGAIN SHE LOVED MY COOKING LAST TIME...
SOMEHOW, I'M ENJOYING THIS
OH, WOW!
HMMM
THIS IS A GREAT CHALLENGE!
I CAN CUT VEGETABLES IN ADVANCE. BUT WHAT ABOUT THE MEAT...?
WHAT'S GOING ON ...?
BUT... I'M FINDING MYSELF GETTING INTO IT...
I DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT THIS BEFORE...

I'VE NEVER THOUGHT LIKE THIS...
THAT IS...
AND THIS NEVER HAPPENED WHEN I WAS ALONE
WHAT IS THIS FEELING...?
FOR OTHERS...?
OR FOR MYSELF...?

MAN...
I KNOW I'M
THE ONE WHO
STARTED THIS BUT...
A COOK-OFF...
SQUEAK...
キィ
TRUTH BE
TOLD,
I'VE NEVER
EVEN
COOKED
BEFORE...
WHAT DO
I DO NOW...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
HMM!?
WHAT IS
THIS...!?

SMUG FACE

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THE DAY OF THE COOK-OFF...
PAELLA?! THAT IS SO CLASSY!
Oh!
I'M GONNA BE MAKING PENNE WITH MUSHROOM OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT
SO...I'VE DECIDED TO GO WITH PAELLA.
COOL...
OH, THANKS.
CLASSY?
IT'S A SECRET
WHAT'S THAT?
I HAVE A SECRET WEAPON
TOTALLY!
YOU CAN REALLY MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THAT...?

SETTING UP THE TABLE TIRED ME OUT A BIT, SO I'M GONNA GO TAKE A BREAK.
WHAT ALREADY?
LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!
ALRIGHT THEN...
THEN!
LET IT COOK OVER THE STOVE UNTIL IT'S FULLY COOKED DOWN!!
WHOOSH!
SIMPLE PAELLA RECIPE
FINE THEN LET'S ADD SOME WATER TO MY INGREDIENTS...
WITH 10/11 WATER/RICE RATIO
FROZEN SEAFOOD
BULLION
PAPRIKA
SAFFRON
RICE (UNWASHED)
ARE YOU SURE?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!
SIZZLING
HEY HINATA! AREN'T YOU COOKING?!
TOTALLY! I'LL SURPRISE YOU!
WAVING

A FEW MINUTES LATER
MY PAELLA IS DONE!
TA-DA!
WOWZA!
PAELLA RECIPE
STIR FRY A CUP OF RICE WITH OLIVE OIL
PLACE SEAFOOD AND PAPRIKA ON TOP OF RICE. ADD BULLION AND SAFFRON EVENLY. SEAL THE PAN WITH A FOIL. THEN PLACE IT ON THE STOVE. COOK UNTIL WATER IS FULLY EVAPORATED
TURN OFF THE STOVE, LET IT STEAM FOR 5 MINUTES THEN PLACE LEMON WEDGES.
BON APETIT!
HUH? WHAT'S THIS?
JUST A LITTLE "THANK YOU" IS MAKING ME SO HAPPY
YOU'RE WELCOME
YOU'RE AN AMAZING CHEF! THANK YOU AOI!
THIS IS REALLY GREAT!!
WOA, WHEN DID YOU DO THIS?
OH YEAH, IT'S RIGHT OVER THERE
WHAT ABOUT YOURS?
OH, SO
IN A LONG WHILE.
RIGHT, I HAVEN'T HEARD SOMEONE SAY THAT TO ME

WHAT ABOUT THE TASTE?
AND NO GARNISH
IT'S SO LITTLE
IT HAS AN EXCELLENT FLAVOR.
NOT TOO LITTLE OR TOO MUCH SEASONING JUST PERFECT!
THIS IS ACTUALLY PRETTY GOOD!?
MUNCHI
HEY HINATA!
IT'S A SECRET! ♡
HOW DID YOU MAKE THIS!?
DOOM....
YOU DIDN'T EVEN LOOK LIKE YOU PUT ANY EFFORT INTO IT
THIS MAY NOT BE VISUALLY APPEALING. BUT THE TASTE IS SOLID!

FREEZE-DRIED ?
OF COURSE FREEZE DRIED FOOD IS EASY TO COOK AND TASTES OKAY
THAT IS CHEATING...
YOU PLACE THIS IN A POT AND ADD SOME HOT WATER
SHAAA...
ISN'T THAT KIND OF SMALL? AND IT'S ALL CRISPY
IT LOOKS LIKE THIS ON THE INSIDE, BUT
RIP!
PACKAGE OYAKO DON
VERY LIGHT AND FITS IN ONE PALM
AH, WELL
IT'S LIKE THIS ONE
HINATA SAN, WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS ?
1@ SECOND OYAKO DON
WHAT IS THIS?!
IT'S SO EASY TO MAKE! NOT BAD AT ALL!
IT EXPANDED!

HEY
GRRRR!!
ビキ
I'M SORRY, BUT I'VE JUST NEVER COOKED BEFORE, YOU KNOW?
SHE WAS ALWAYS LIKE THIS.
I'M SO SORRY I'VE ASKED MY DAD TO COOK FOR US TO MAKE UP FOR IT
IT'S READY NOW
THAT'S RIGHT.
BUT IN ACTUALITY SHE'S A LOT MORE AWARE OF HER SURROUNDINGS THAN I AM.
SO WE PREPARED IT BEFORE YOU CAME OVER
WELL, THIS WON'T BE ENOUGH FOR BOTH OF US, RIGHT?
IN AWE...
ポカーン
HER BATTLE STANCE IS INTERRUPTED
WHAT?

ALRIGHT THEN...
BON APETIT!
HINATA
HMM!
MUMBLING
HMMM HMM!?
MMMM...
GIGGLE
THIS IS REALLY GOOD!
JES!! ZIS IS VERY GUUD!!
HEY!
DON'T TALK WHEN YOUR MOUTH IS FULL

TYPES OF FREEZE DRIED FOODS
MISO SOUP
MABO EGGPLANT
CONGEE
PASTA
SOBA NOODLE
SWEET RED BEAN SOUP
OYAKO-DON
DRIED CURRY
etc...
SO MANY TO CHOSE FROM
A CUP OF NOODLE'S GARNISH ALSO COMES FREEZE DRIED

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THE WALK HOME FROM SCHOOL
AND THEN
REALLY?
HEY HINATA...
HUH?
?
HMMM ...?
THIS IS
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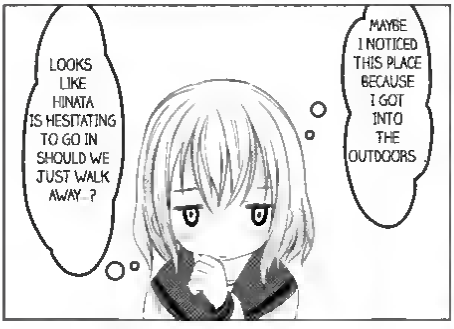
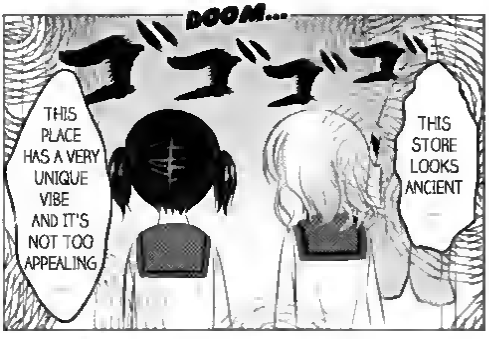
CHAPTER 4: WHAT IS A SCHLAFSACK!?

A CAMPING GOODS STORE!
WOW, I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE
SALE


LOOKS LIKE HINATA IS HESITATING TO GO IN SHOULD WE JUST WALK AWAY...?
MAYBE I NOTICED THIS PLACE BECAUSE I GOT INTO THE OUTDOORS


DOOM...
THIS PLACE HAS A VERY UNIQUE VIBE AND IT'S NOT TOO APPEALING
THIS STORE LOOKS ANCIENT

I NEVER SAID I WAS INTERESTED
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE INTERESTED IN A STORE LIKE THIS!
GLOOMY

LET'S CHECK IT OUT!
WHAT?
NO HESITATION?!

IT'S SO MESSY HERE
THIS IS A TREASURE PILE!
SIGH MOUNT FUJI MODEL
SIGN STORE RECOMMENDATION!
3000 YEN
7000 YEN? SO EXPENSIVE! MADE OF TITANIUM ?
THE PORTABLE STOCK POT TOO
HEY, THE GAS STOVE WE USED LAST TIME
PRIMUS
NORMAL GAS
250G
HUH?
HINATA?
ALL ALONE...
TITANIUM IS VERY LIGHT AND RUST FREE, SO
FROM WHAT I'VE READ BEFORE, IT'S DIFFICULT TO MAKE THIS KIND
SO LIGHT!

SALE
DA DAM
HM?
WHAT ARE THESE?
HEY HINATA? WHERE ARE YOU?
GORE..?
WOW! THIS ONE IS 70,000 YEN*?!
WHY IS THIS SO EXPENSIVE!
WHAT? THIS IS 30,000 YEN?!
THIS ONE IS 5,000 YEN
WHAT IS A SCHLAFSACK ? IT LOOKS LIKE A SLEEPING BAG...
*ABOUT 700 BUCKS
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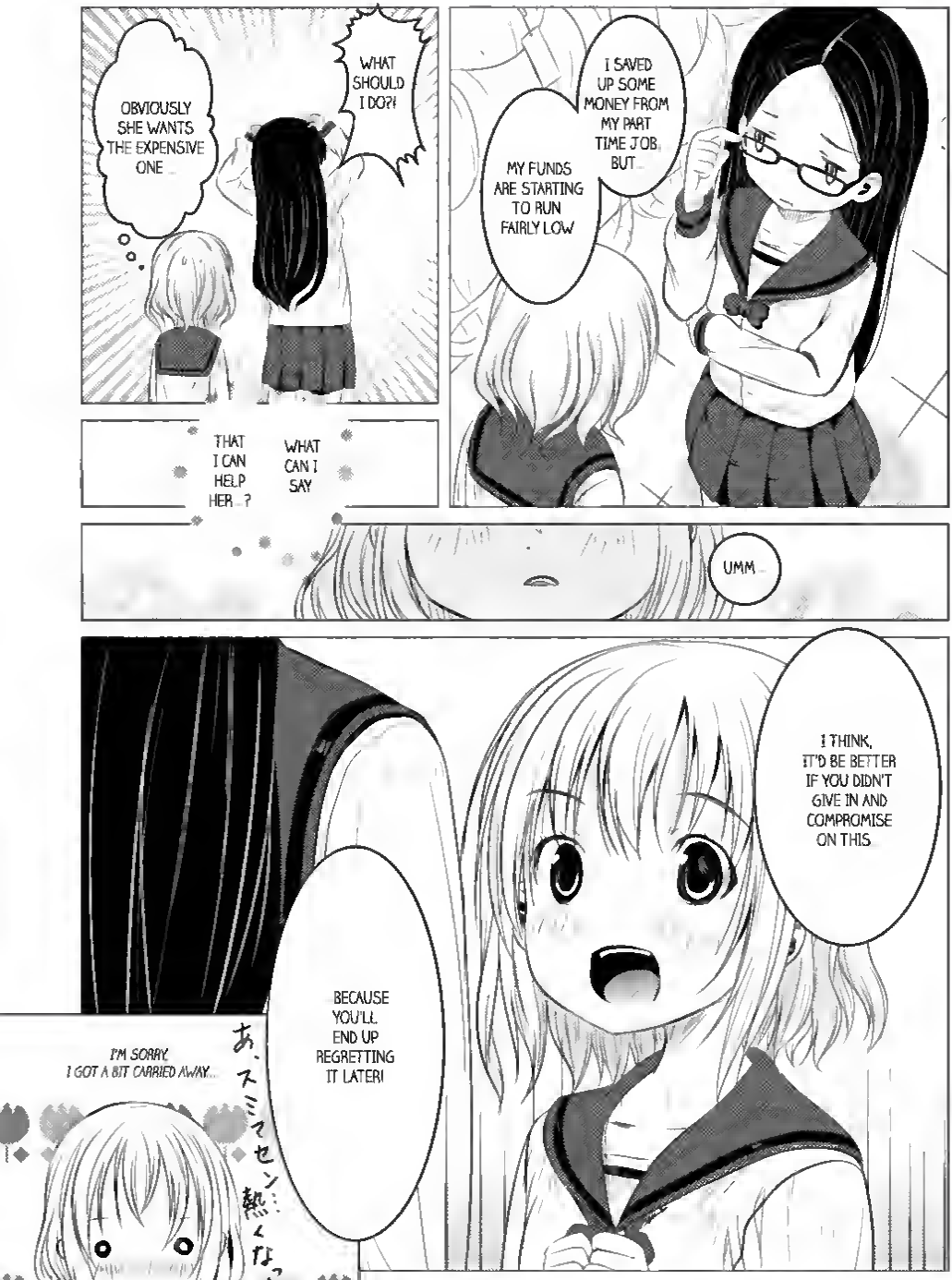
!?
BLANKIE
HMMM
SST
HOW CAN THIS BAG OF FABRIC BE 70,000 YEN?!

SHE'S SO TALL... AND SHE HAS GREAT STYLE...
SO COOL...
!!
HEY, YOU!!
YOU GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS ME RIGHT? CAN YOU HELP ME WITH SOMETHING?!
WHAT?

OH, I'M SORRY
ACTUALLY
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THESE THINGS I'M SORRY
THE 24,000 YEN ONE OVER THERE WHICH ONE IS BETTER FOR ME?!
UMM
WELL
THIS 18,000 YEN SCHLAFSACK AND...
THAT IS SO COOL!
WELL, I PLAN TO CLIMB ACROSS SEVERAL MOUNTAINS
WHILE CAMPING OUTDOORS
TREKKING ACROSS...?
I'M PLANNING ON TREKKING ACROSS THE SUMMER MOUNTAINS WITH A TENT AND A SCHLAFSACK IN MY BACKPACK
YOU HAVE TO CARRY THEM ALL DAY, SO IT'S VERY IMPORTANT
MAINLY THE WEIGHT THE WEIGHT DIFFERENCE CAN BE ALMOST AS HEAVY AS A 1/2 GALLON WATER BOTTLE
WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT THESE? I HAVE NO CLUE
MADE OF COTTON
HEAVY
BIG
CHEAP
MADE OF DOWN
LIGHT
COMPACT
EXPENSIVE
IT CAN SEAL AROUND THE NECK TO KEEP WARM
VERY FLUFFY
SO I'M HERE TO PICK A SCHLAFSACK!


WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
OBVIOUSLY SHE WANTS THE EXPENSIVE ONE...
I SAVED UP SOME MONEY FROM MY PART TIME JOB, BUT...
MY FUNDS ARE STARTING TO RUN FAIRLY LOW
WHAT CAN I SAY
THAT I CAN HELP HER...?
UMM...
I THINK, IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU DIDN'T GIVE IN AND COMPROMISE ON THIS.
BECAUSE YOU'LL END UP REGRETTING IT LATER!
I'M SORRY. I GOT A BIT CARRIED AWAY...
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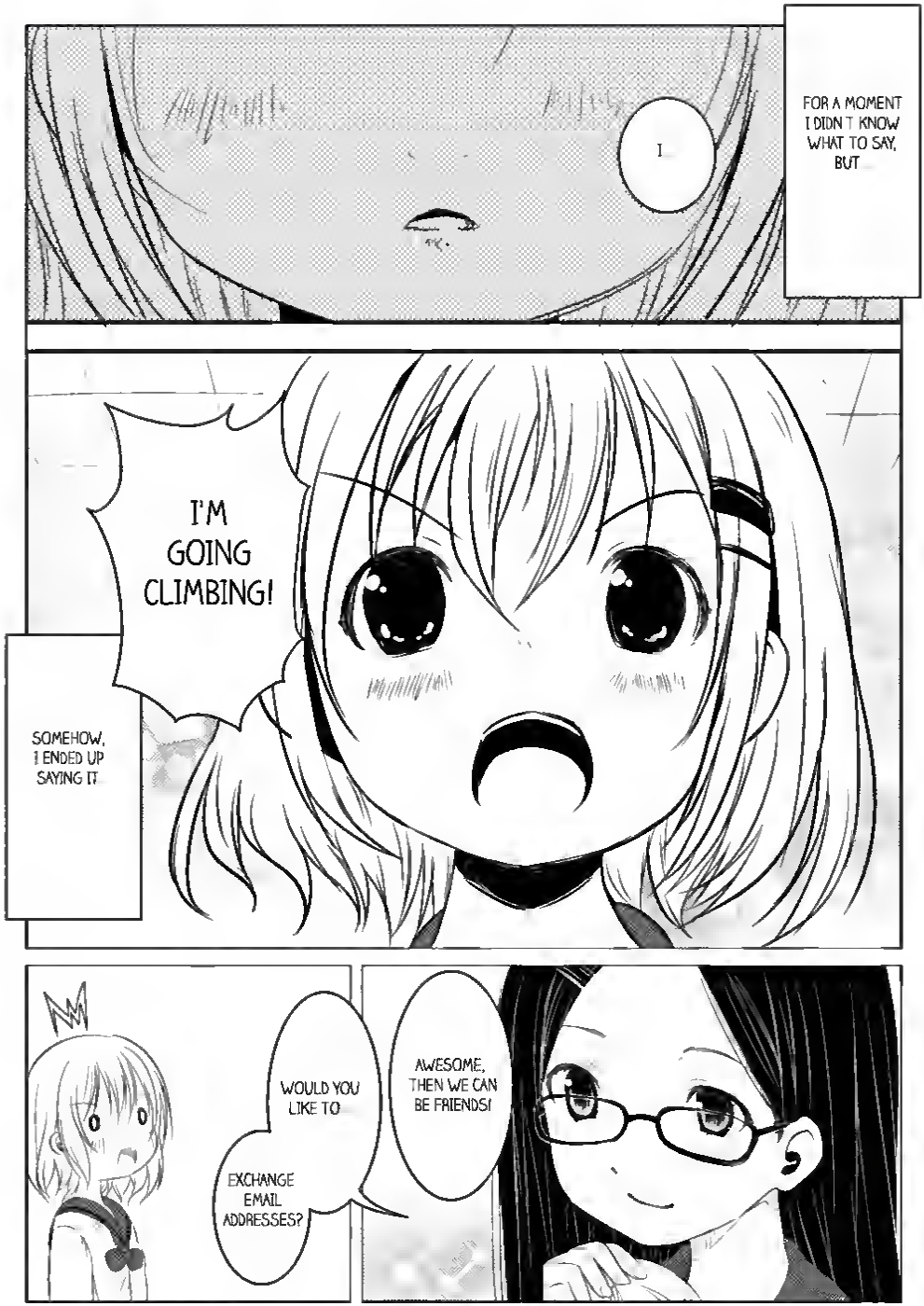
I'M GONNA GET THIS RIGHT NOW!
IT'S VERY SMALL WHEN PACKED INTO ITS CARRYING BAG
YOU'RE RIGHT!
THANK YOU! FOR PUSHING ME FORWARD!
N NO PROBLEM
BY THE WAY
ARE YOU GOING MOUNTAIN CLIMBING TOO?
DISPLAY TENTS ARE HANGING FROM THE CEILING
DID I MAKE HER HAPPY...?
WHAT?

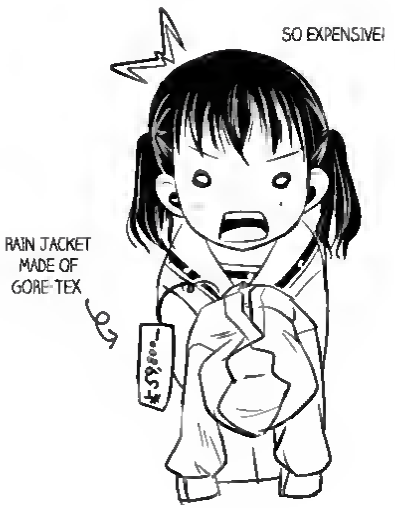

I...
FOR A MOMENT I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY, BUT...
I'M GOING CLIMBING!
SOMEHOW, I ENDED UP SAYING IT.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXCHANGE EMAIL ADDRESSES?
AWESOME, THEN WE CAN BE FRIENDS!

I HAVE NO FRIENDS! AND THIS IS A BIT CREEPY...
FROM: HINATA
FROM: HINATA
FROM: HIN
FROM: HINA
FROM: HINAT
FROM: MOM
FROM: HINA
FROM: HINATA
FROM: HINATA
OH NO, MY CALL HISTORY IS ALL FROM HINATA...
AHHHH...
HOW... HOW DO I DO THAT AGAIN?!
THERE YOU GO!
MY NAME IS KAEDE SAITO NICE TO MEET YOU
NICE TO MEET YOU TOO!
HEY
LET ME SEE YOUR CELL PHONE...
OKAY
OH BOY, I REALLY NEED TO WORK ON MY SOCIAL SKILLS...
OH, THERE YOU ARE!
SIGH...
I WAS SO NERVOUS.
SEE YOU AROUND!
YEAH

I MET SOMEONE FROM OUR HIGH SCHOOL
OH WOW THAT'S UNUSUAL
WHO WERE YOU TALKING TO?
STAB STAB...
SOB...
TRUE
TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW
HINATA I'M ACTUALLY REALLY BAD AT SPEAKING TO PEOPLE
ALRIGHT! LET'S GO HOME!
OKAY
IS IT A GOOD THING?
BUT...
AT LEAST YOU KNOW THAT ABOUT YOURSELF THAT'S A GOOD THING!

ONE WEEK LATER
CAMPING SITE
WHAT A VIEW!
PHEW...
SENDING
I ALMOST FORGOT!
OH!

VARHH
VARHH
KAEDE SAN ?
THANK YOU FOR THE OTHER DAY!
WHAT'S UP?
I GOT AN EMAIL FROM THE GIRL I MET AT THE CAMPING STORE THE OTHER DAY.
I MADE ANOTHER FRIEND


SO EXPENSIVE!
RAIN JACKET MADE OF GORE-TEX
¥35,000

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Encouragement of Climb.

BRRRNG
BRRRNG
HEY AOI!
YES? WANNA TALK ABOUT MOUNTAINS?
THAT'S CORRECT.
YOUR REACTION IS UNUSUAL, WHAT'S UP?
NAH, NOTHING MUCH
SO WHERE ARE WE GOING?
NO MORE "WHERE ARE WE GOING?" !!
SNAP!
THIS TIME
YOU'RE GONNA DECIDE WHERE WE GO!
WHAT?

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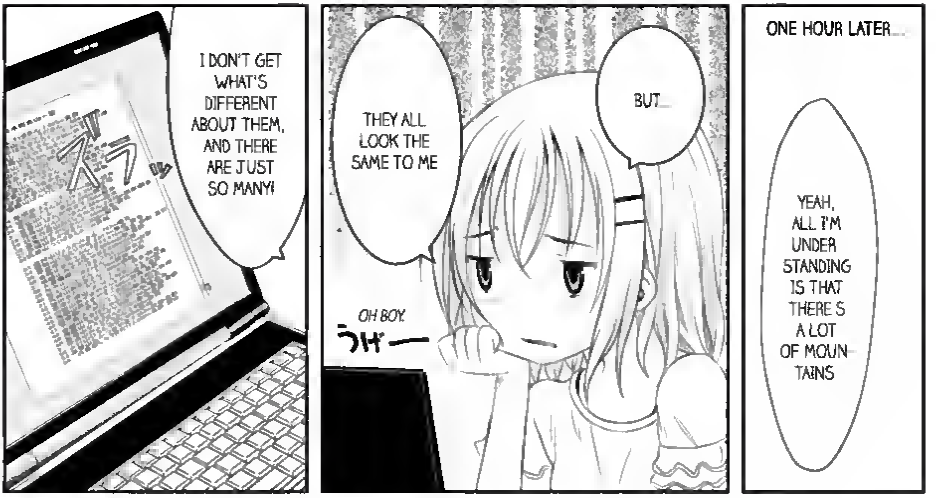
CHAPTER 5: IT'S UP TO ME!?

STARRY NIGHT ON THE MOUNTAIN
IF YOU SPEND THE NIGHT ON A MOUNTAIN, TRY AND LOOK UP AT THE NIGHT SKY WITH NO LIGHT AND A CLEAR ATMOSPHERE, YOU CAN SEE THE STARS, THE MILKY WAY AND EVEN OTHER GALAXIES IT WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SITES YOU HAVE EVER SEEN

WHY ME?!
I PICKED A PLACE LAST TIME
SO
IT'S AOI'S TURN NOW!
GLOWING
はぁ
AOI SEEMS SO KNOWLEDGEABLE
SO I HAVE FAITH IN YOU TO FIND US A REALLY GOOD SPOT!
UMM...

AOI
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MOUNTAINS...
I... I CAN'T...
GRRRRR!
I GUESS IT REALLY IS TOO SOON FOR YOU TO MAKE A BIG DECISION LIKE THIS!
OF COURSE!
SMIRK...
I SEE...
I'LL FIND US AN AWESOME SPOT!!
NO IT'S NOT!

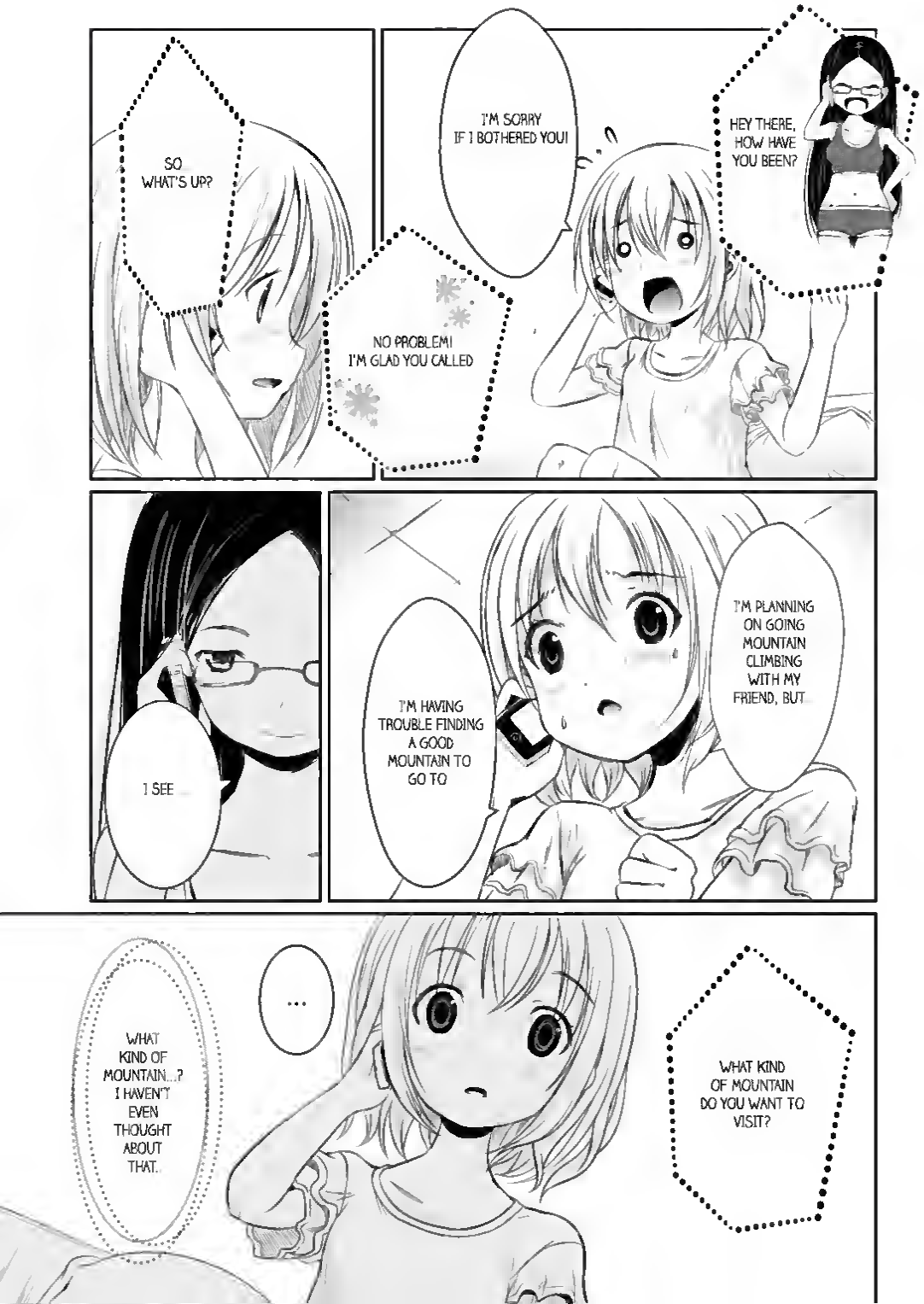
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN...
OH MAN WHAT AM I GONNA DO?!
AT HOME
HELP ME!
INTERNET!
I TOTALLY FELL FOR HINATA'S TRAP
I FEEL LIKE
LET'S SEE...
ONE HUNDRED MOUNTAINS
SEARCH
キャッシュ
カチ CLICK
JAPAN'S ONE HUNDRED GREAT MOUNTAINS
A LIST MADE BY A WRITER KYUYA FUKADA - IT CONSISTS OF ONE HUNDRED GREAT MOUNTAINS BASED ON THEIR HISTORY, SCENERY AND HIKING PATHS. EACH MOUNTAIN ON THE LIST IS EXCELLENT. SOME PEOPLE SPEND YEARS CLIMBING ALL 100 OF THEM.

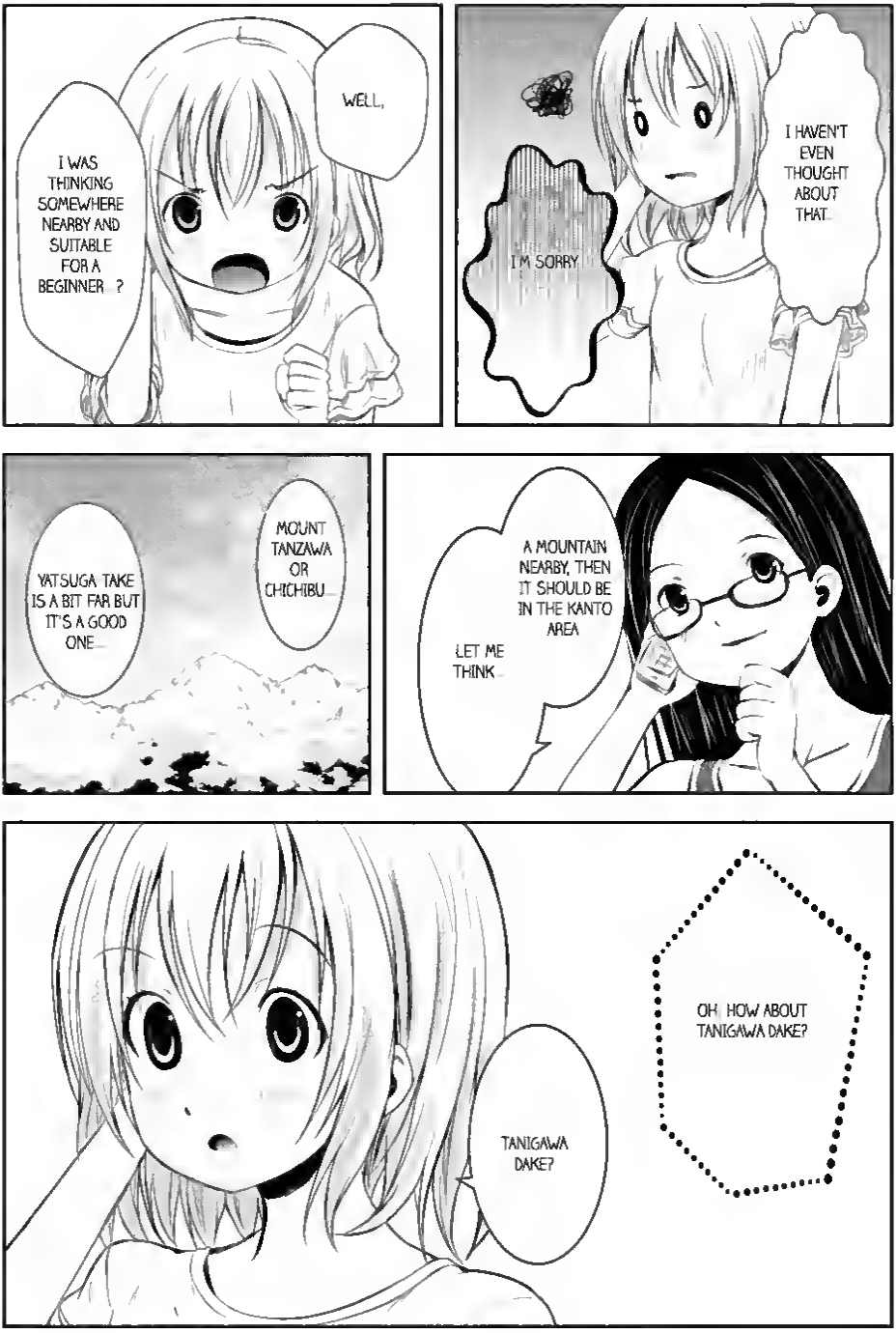

I DON'T GET WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT THEM, AND THERE ARE JUST SO MANY!
THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME TO ME
BUT...
OH BOY.
ONE HOUR LATER...
YEAH, ALL I'M UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE'S A LOT OF MOUNTAINS

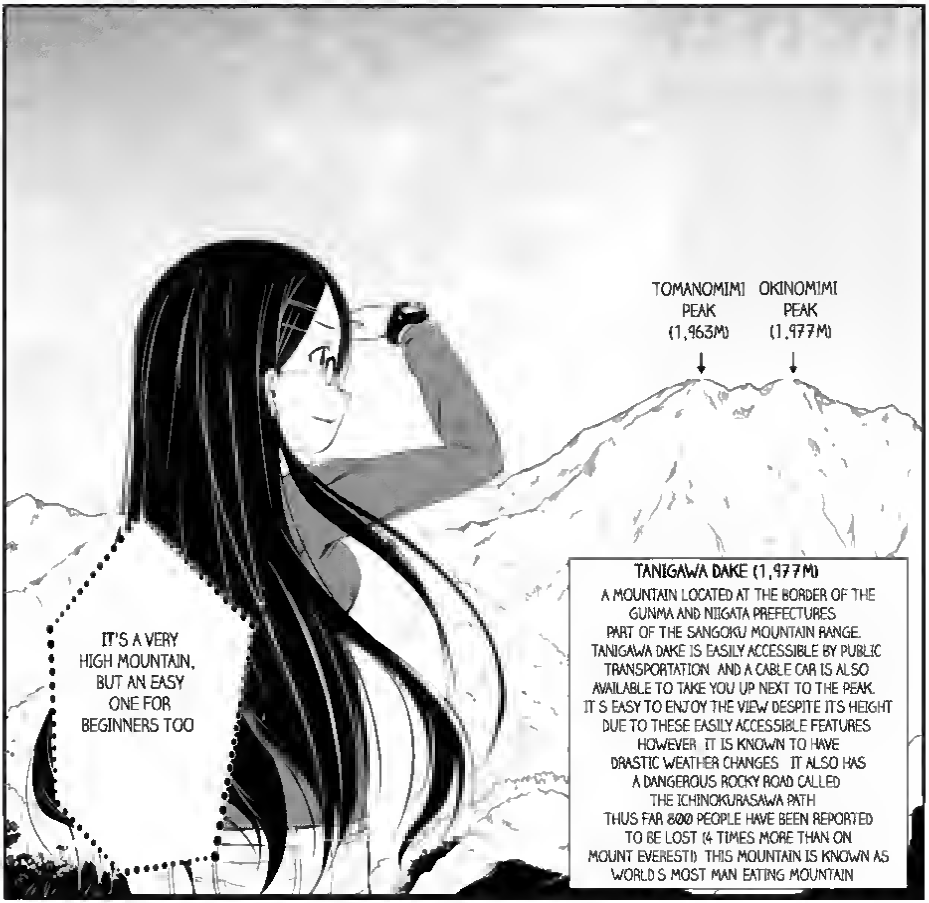
THUD!
I GUESS KNOWLEDGE ALONE IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH...
I HAVE TO HAVE A SPECIFIC PURPOSE...
OH!
ROLL

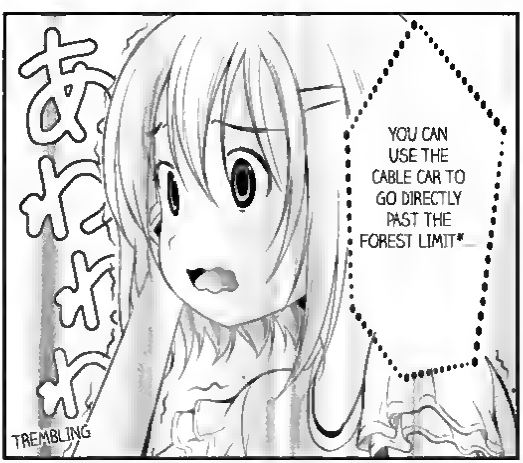
BUT I DON'T WANNA BOTHER HER...
FWAP!
I COULD ASK KAEDE SAN...
OH, I KNOW!
IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE ANY OTHER PLANS
IF I CAME UP EMPTY HANDED, HINATA WILL LAUGH AT ME
HMM...
うず"
MMMMM...!
うず" うず"
WHAT DO I DO...?
ALRIGHT!
I'M GONNA EMAIL HER!
MMMM!

IT'S ONLY BEEN ONE MINUTE
NERVOUS
そわ
そわ
MAN... NO RESPONSE YET...
HI KAEDE SAN
GOOD EVENING. I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'RE AVAILABLE FOR A QUICK CHAT?
WHAT IF SHE DOESN'T RESPOND...
VRRRHHHH!!!
OH!
A PHONE CALL?!
Y YES HELLO?

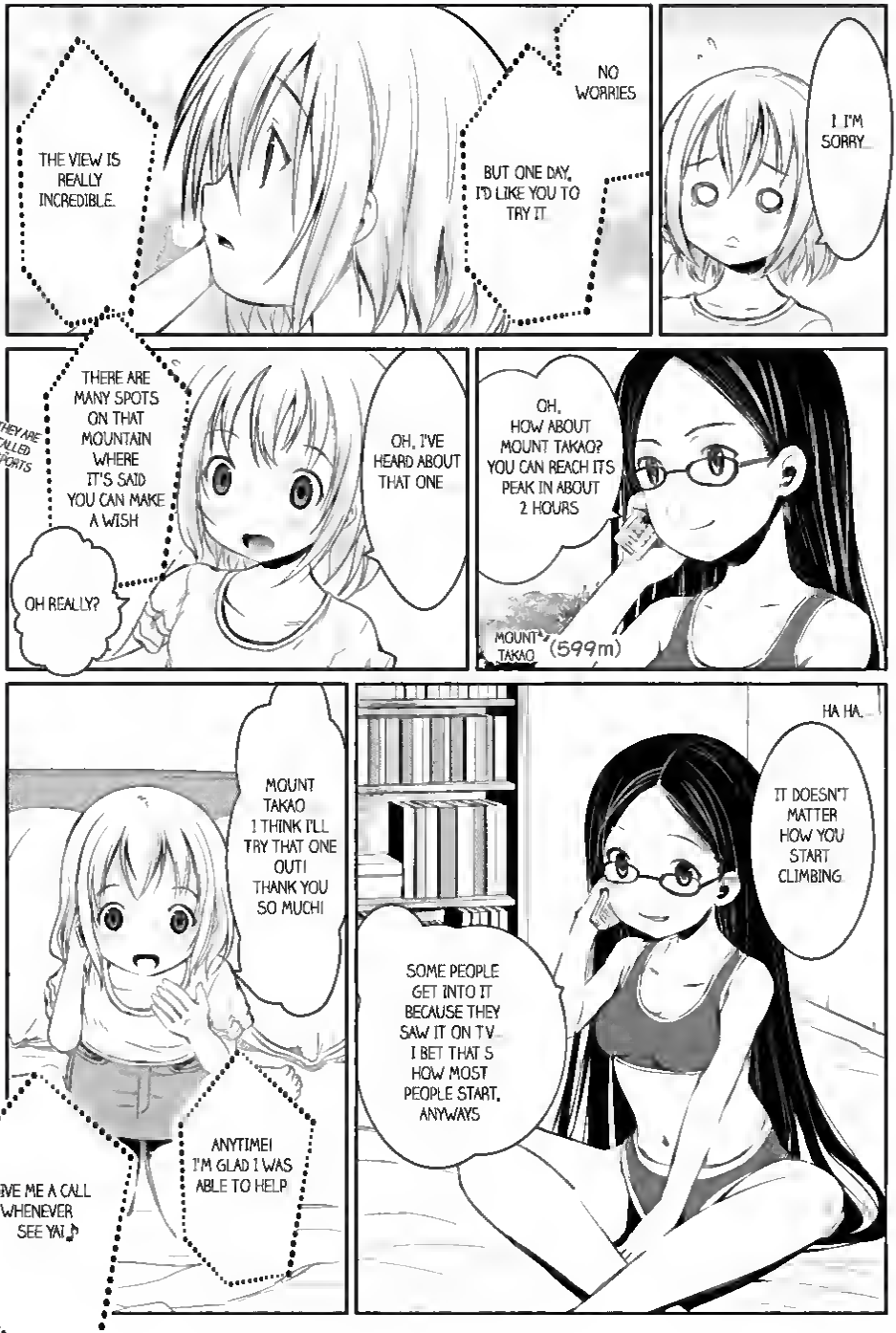

SO WHAT'S UP?
NO PROBLEM! I'M GLAD YOU CALLED
I'M SORRY IF I BOTHERED YOU!
HEY THERE, HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
I SEE...
I'M HAVING TROUBLE FINDING A GOOD MOUNTAIN TO GO TO
I'M PLANNING ON GOING MOUNTAIN CLIMBING WITH MY FRIEND, BUT...
WHAT KIND OF MOUNTAIN DO YOU WANT TO VISIT?
...
WHAT KIND OF MOUNTAIN...? I HAVEN'T EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT THAT..

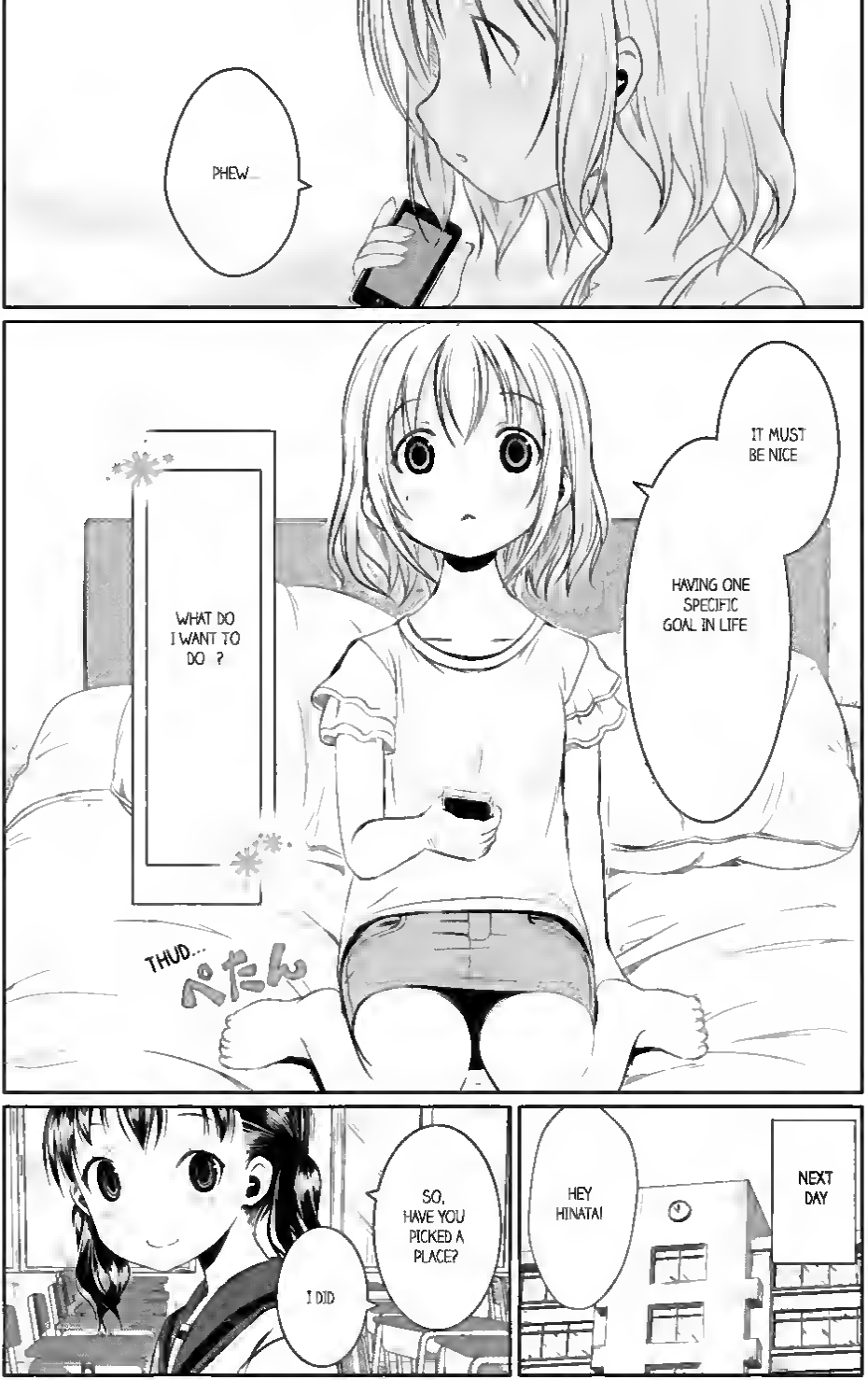

WELL,
I WAS THINKING SOMEWHERE NEARBY AND SUITABLE FOR A BEGINNER...?
I HAVEN'T EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT THAT...
I'M SORRY...
MOUNT TANZAWA OR CHICHIBU...
YATSUGA TAKE IS A BIT FAR BUT IT'S A GOOD ONE...
A MOUNTAIN NEARBY, THEN IT SHOULD BE IN THE KANTO AREA
LET ME THINK...
TANIGAWA DAKE?
OH! HOW ABOUT TANIGAWA DAKE?


TOMANOMIMI PEAK (1,963M)
OKINOMIMI PEAK (1,977M)
IT'S A VERY HIGH MOUNTAIN, BUT AN EASY ONE FOR BEGINNERS TOO
TANIGAWA DAKE (1,977M)
A MOUNTAIN LOCATED AT THE BORDER OF THE GUNMA AND NIIGATA PREFECTURES
PART OF THE SANGOKU MOUNTAIN RANGE.
TANIGAWA DAKE IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND A CABLE CAR IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO TAKE YOU UP NEXT TO THE PEAK.
IT'S EASY TO ENJOY THE VIEW DESPITE ITS HEIGHT DUE TO THESE EASILY ACCESSIBLE FEATURES
HOWEVER IT IS KNOWN TO HAVE DRASTIC WEATHER CHANGES IT ALSO HAS A DANGEROUS ROCKY ROAD CALLED THE ICHINOKURASAWA PATH
THUS FAR 800 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO BE LOST (4 TIMES MORE THAN ON MOUNT EVEREST!) THIS MOUNTAIN IS KNOWN AS WORLD'S MOST MAN EATING MOUNTAIN



*FOREST LIMIT: EDGE OF THE HABITAT IN WHICH FOREST CAN GROW. BEYOND THIS LINE, THE VIEW BECOMES EXCELLENT DUE TO THE LACK OF TREES.


THE VIEW IS REALLY INCREDIBLE.
NO WORRIES
BUT ONE DAY, I'D LIKE YOU TO TRY IT
I I'M SORRY...
THERE ARE MANY SPOTS ON THAT MOUNTAIN WHERE IT'S SAID YOU CAN MAKE A WISH
THEY ARE CALLED PASSPORTS
OH, I'VE HEARD ABOUT THAT ONE
OH REALLY?
OH, HOW ABOUT MOUNT TAKAO? YOU CAN REACH ITS PEAK IN ABOUT 2 HOURS
MOUNT TAKAO (599m)
MOUNT TAKAO I THINK I'LL TRY THAT ONE OUT! THANK YOU SO MUCH!
ANYTIME! I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO HELP
GIVE ME A CALL WHENEVER SEE YA!
HA HA...
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW YOU START CLIMBING.
SOME PEOPLE GET INTO IT BECAUSE THEY SAW IT ON TV. I BET THAT'S HOW MOST PEOPLE START. ANYWAYS


PHEW...
IT MUST BE NICE
HAVING ONE SPECIFIC GOAL IN LIFE
WHAT DO I WANT TO DO ?
THUD...
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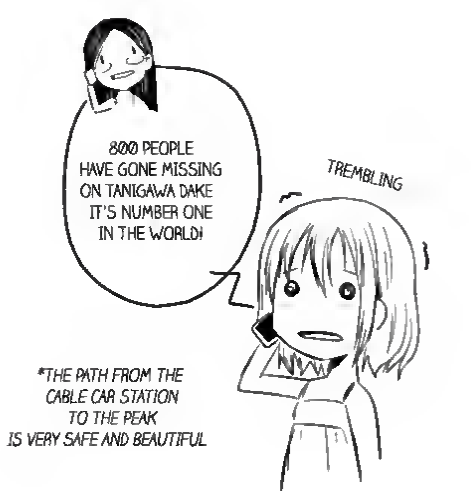
NEXT DAY
HEY HINATA!
SO, HAVE YOU PICKED A PLACE?
I DID

HMM...
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT
MOUNT TAKAO?
LET'S GO TO MOUNT TAKAO!
THAT SOUNDS GOOD
WE HAVE TO GET SOME EQUIPMENT FOR THIS ONE
WHAT, WE HAVE MORE THINGS TO DECIDE?
OF COURSE! THERE'S A LOT OF PREPARATION WE NEED TO DO!


800 PEOPLE HAVE GONE MISSING ON TANIGAWA DAKE IT'S NUMBER ONE IN THE WORLD!
TREMBLING
*THE PATH FROM THE CABLE CAR STATION TO THE PEAK IS VERY SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL

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Encouragement of Climb.

HINATA'S HOUSE
NOW THAT WE KNOW OUR DESTINATION IS MOUNT TAKAO
LET'S READ ABOUT THE MOUNTAIN IN THIS GUIDE BOOK I GOT!
TA DA!

LET'S SEE.

WELL DONE!

YEAH, I KNOW!

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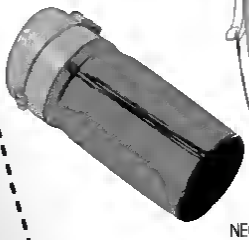
CHAPTER 6: WHAT IS A DAY-PACK!?

DAWN AT THE MOUNTAIN PEAK

IF YOU'RE ON A MOUNTAIN TALLER THAN 3000M. IT GETS COLD ENOUGH TO REQUIRE A WINTER JACKET AT DAWN
HOWEVER. AT FAMOUS SITES IT'S NOT RARE TO SEE A CROWD OF PEOPLE AT DAWN
DESPITE THE COLD
THE SUNRISE IN SUCH PLACE IS SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS.
REGARDLESS OF THE SEVERE CLIMATE.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT FOR MOUNTAINS WITH 500M ELEVATION

BEVERAGE
PLASTIC BOTTLE WILL SUFFICE IF IT'S COLD, A THERMOS MAY BE A GOOD IDEA.



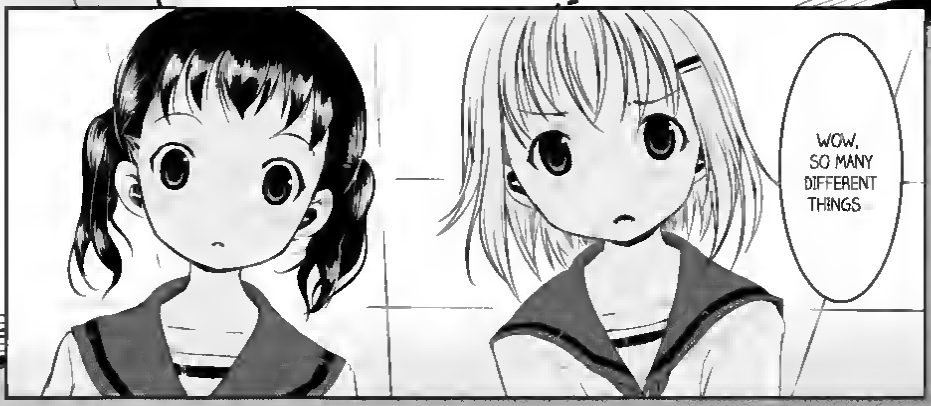
SHOES
SOMETHING COMFORTABLE HIKING BOOTS RECOMMENDED

A BACKPACK
NECESSARY TO KEEP BOTH HANDS FREE
YOU SHOULD PICK A BACKPACK DESIGNED FOR MOUNTAIN TREKKING THAT CAN WITHSTAND HOURS OF USAGE WITHOUT CAUSING EXHAUSTION

SNACKS
SOMETHING HIGH IN CALORIE SUCH AS CANDY OR CHOCOLATE

RAIN JACKETS/ PANTS
THESE SHOULD BE CARRIED AT ALL TIMES. IT IS DANGEROUS TO USE UMBRELLAS ON THE MOUNTAIN

A TOWEL
IT'S MAINLY USED TO WIPE OFF SWEAT, THOUGH IT CAN BE HANDY FOR OTHER PURPOSES



BEGINNER'S MOUNTAIN HIKING
FASHION POINTS
FIRST AND FOREMOST YOUR CLOTHES SHOULD BE DECIDED BASED ON THE FUNCTIONALITY HOWEVER, THAT DOES NOT MEAN IT CANNOT BE STYLISH FOR EXTRA LAYERS, BACKPACK OR SOCKS CAN BE VIBRANT COLORS!
WEAR SOMETHING THAT IS EASY TO MOVE AROUND IN BRING AN EXTRA JACKET, AND LAYER UP SO IT IS EASY TO ADJUST TO THE CHANGING CLIMATE
ALSO, WEAR SOMETHING BREATHABLE AS YOU WILL BE SWEATING A LOT KEEPING YOUR BODY DRY WILL PREVENT YOU FROM GETTING COLD
TO AVOID SCRATCHES AND BUG BITES, YOU SHOULD WEAR PANTS OR TIGHTS IT CAN BE PRICEY, BUT MUSCLE SUPPORTING LEGGINGS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE
TRY WEARING A SNEAKER THAT COVERS YOUR ANKLE SNEAKERS THAT COVER YOUR ANKLES WILL PREVENT SAND OR ROCKS FROM GETTING INTO YOUR SHOES, HELPING AVOID INJURY
AVOID WEARING ANY SHOES WITH HEELS SHOES WITH HEELS WILL CAUSE LEG INJURY
IT LOOKS LIKE WE DON'T NEED TO BUY NEW CLOTHES
I HAVE MOST OF THE THINGS ON THE LIST, TOO
SERIOUSLY?!
OH NO, I DON'T HAVE A BACKPACK!

IT'S SAID THAT SHOES, A RAIN SUIT AND A BACKPACK ARE THE HOLY TRINITY OF MOUNTAIN CLIMBING
ガラ
CLICK!
SO IT WON'T BE A WASTE.
HE HE...
WHY NOT JUST BUY ONE!
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DO I REALLY NEED ONE?
ALRIGHT THEN, LET'S GO BUY ONE TOMORROW
UM... OKAY

...
HELLO!
DA-DAM!
HOW MANY BACKPACKS ARE THERE?!
ずらっ
50...?
PROBABLY MORE...
THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME TO ME...

WORLD IS SPINNING
DAY PACK?
TRAVERSING ?
TRAIL RUN ?
WHAT DO I DO...?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
WHAT DOES "L" MEAN? THE SIZE?
40L
60L
15L
SALE
EXCUSE ME!! IS THIS BACKPACK
WHOA!
IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING, ASK SOMEONE! NO NEED TO FREAK OUT
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
I'M JUST REALLY SHY...

UMM, I'D LIKE TO CLIMB MOUNT TAKAO AND...
I DON'T KNOW WHICH BACKPACK TO CHOOSE
HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
BACKPACK
THE CAPACITY IS WRITTEN IN LITERS
THEY ARE BIG AND COME IN A VARIETY OF STYLES
THIS MAKES THEM STAND OUT IN THE CAMPING STORE
AT THIS SIZE THERE IS A VARIETY OF THEM FROM MANY DIFFERENT BRANDS
YOU CAN PICK ONE WITH A DESIGN YOU LIKE
IN THAT CASE, YOU SHOULD PICK A DAY-PACK* UNDER 30 LITERS
IT CAN BE USED LIKE A NORMAL BACKPACK TOO
*DAY PACK: A GENERAL TERM FOR A CAMPING BACKPACK THAT HAS ENOUGH CAPACITY FOR A ONE DAY TRIP
A LID COVERS THE OPENING COMPLETELY
A RUBBER BAND THAT CAN HOLD THINGS
BASE MATERIALS ARE GENERALLY VERY DURABLE AND WATER RESISTANT
30L
SOME BRANDS WILL NOTE THE CAPACITY RIGHT HERE

MOST BIG BACKPACKS HAVE A LID THAT COVERS THE OPENING COMPLETELY. THIS LID HAS A SMALL COMPARTMENT.

I WONDER IF KAEDE SAN USES SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

SOME BACKPACKS HAVE A HYDRATION SYSTEM (EMBEDDED WATER CONTAINER)

BY THE WAY, TRAIL RUN MODELS ARE FOR PEOPLE WHO RUN ON THE MOUNTAIN PATHS

A TRAVERSING MODEL IS FOR SOMEONE WHO DOES SERIOUS MOUNTAIN CLIMBING AND CAMPING

6L

MADE TO FIT ONLY THE NECESSITIES

FOR ONE NIGHT CAMPING, THE BACKPACK SHOULD BE 40+L. WITH A TENT - 60+L. THERE ARE BACKPACKS WITH 120+L CAPACITY... THEY CAN BE PRETTY HEAVY.

OVER 100CM

THE BACKPACK WAIST BELT HELPS DISTRIBUTE THE WEIGHT EVENLY.

A SMALL POCKET KEEP SNACKS AND OTHER FREQUENTLY USED ITEMS

VERY LIGHT (500g)

THERE'S ALSO THESE COMPACT BACKPACKS WHICH CAN BE USED AS A SECONDARY BACKPACK.

ANOTHER POCKET THAT CAN FIT A WATER BOTTLE

TINY

ONCE FOLDED IT CAN BE SMALL ENOUGH TO FIT IN A PALM

THIS IS USED WHEN THE MAIN BACKPACK CAN BE LEFT AT THE CAMP.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

AH...

UMM...

THAT'S ABOUT IT.

I COULDN'T THANK HIM...

...
WE'LL BE BACK BECAUSE WE'RE JUST BEGINNERS
COME BACK ANYTIME AND ASK ME ANYTHING. I'M GLAD YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES ARE SHOWING AN INTEREST IN THE OUTDOORS
SALE
NO PROBLEM
I BECOME SO SHY THAT I CAN BARELY SPEAK
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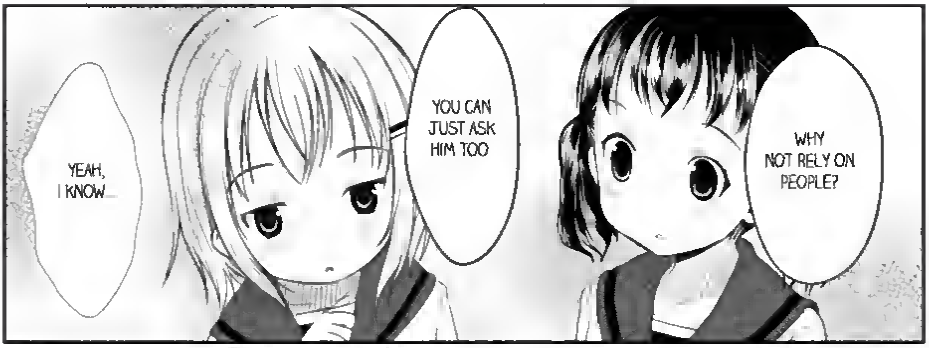
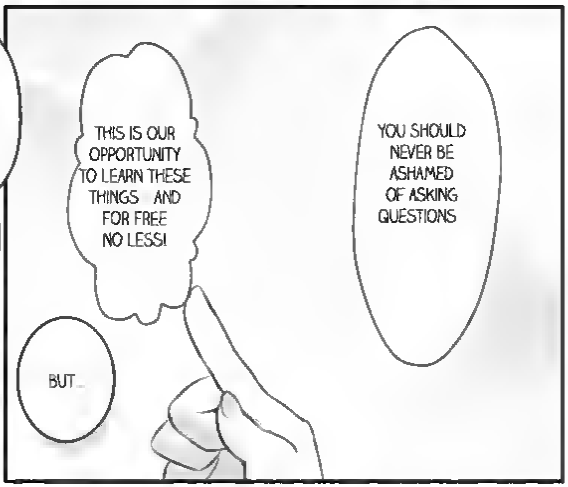
YEAH, EXACTLY!
SHE'S NOT AFRAID OF STRANGERS AT ALL...
HUH?
HINATA, YOU'RE AMAZING


YEAH, I KNOW...
YOU CAN JUST ASK HIM TOO
WHY NOT RELY ON PEOPLE?

HUH
YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO RELY ON OTHER PEOPLE, DO YOU?


YOU SHOULD NEVER BE ASHAMED OF ASKING QUESTIONS
THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THESE THINGS AND FOR FREE NO LESS!
BUT...

SO WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT THE BACKPACK?
OH!

WOW, MS. UNRELIABLE HAS SPOKEN!

THERE ARE SO MANY KINDS EVEN JUST THE DAY-PACKS ALONE
I LIKE THIS ONE
HUH?
THE LOGO IS REALLY CUTE!
A PENGUIN!
I LIKE THE COLOR

WHOA, IT'S ON SALE BUT
50% OFF
¥5250
DREAMY...
ふたり
I THINK I WANT THIS ONE!
!?
EXACTLY 5,000 YEN
HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE?
HMMM...
ALRIGHT THEN, CAN I HAVE 5,000 YEN?
!!
ARE YOU SURE?
SURE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH
HEY! CAN I BUY THIS?
WHAT?!

そういえば前同じ事を…
OH!
THIS IS JUST LIKE THE OTHER TIME
BUT, WHY DID YOU?
WELL, IT'S BETTER TO JUST BUY IT THAN NOT BUYING IT AND REGRETTING LATER, DON'T YOU THINK?
OH WELL
JUST GIVE ME BACK MY 250 YEN WITH INTEREST SOMETIME
SO
WHAT I DID WAS A GOOD THING THEN
WHAT?! I THOUGHT YOU COVERED FOR MEI
I NEVER SAID SUCH A THING

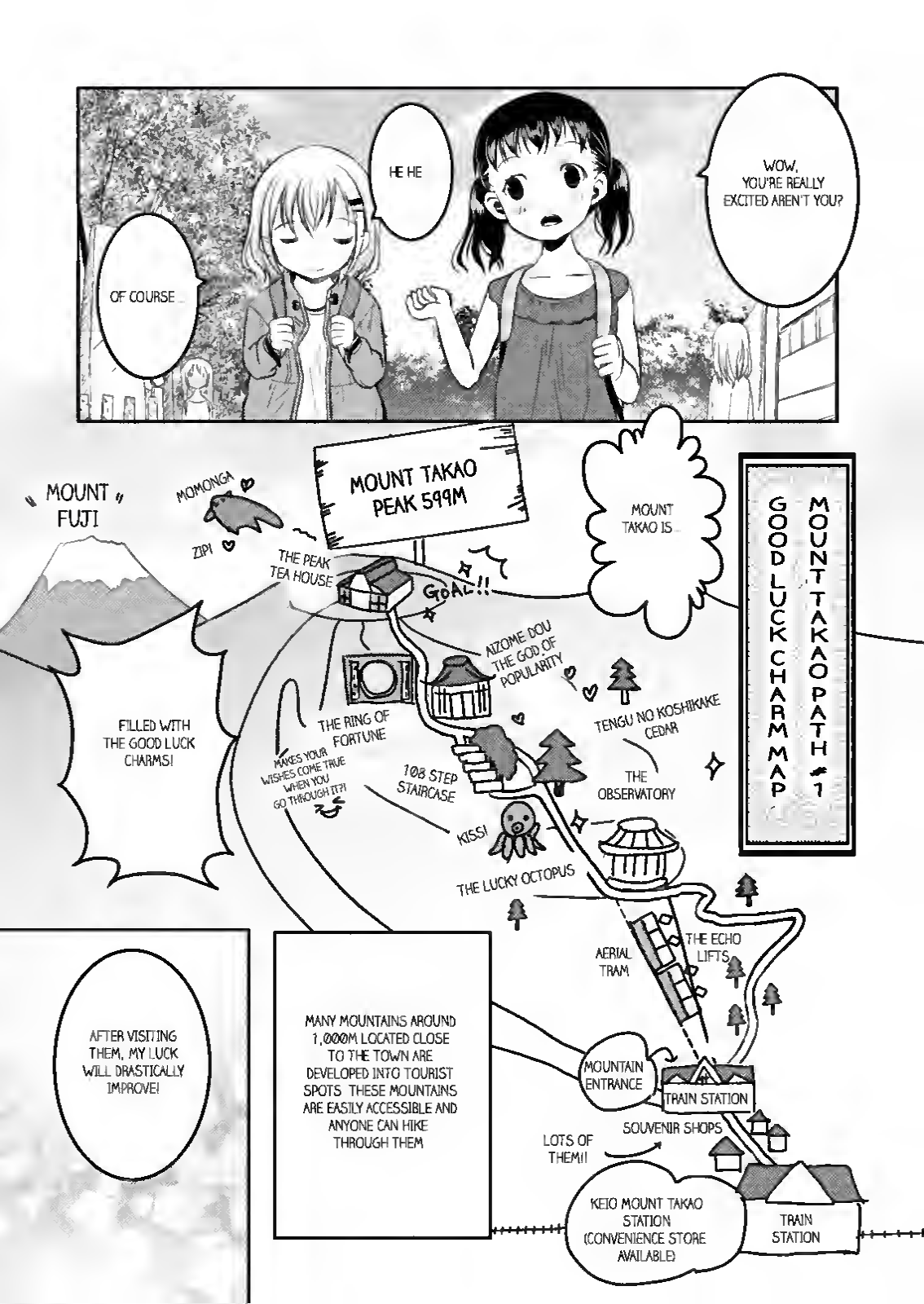
WHAT IS THIS...
SUPER BRIGHT COLOR.
BLEHHH~
THEY ALSO SELL THEM SEPARATELY
A RAIN COVER.
IN CASE OF RAIN, THIS WORKS AS A RAIN JACKET FOR THE BACKPACK.
SOME BACKPACKS WILL HAVE THE RAIN COVER EMBEDDED.

ヤマノススメ
Encouragement of Climb.

YEAH...?
うと…
SLEEPY
AOI!
HEY AOI!
ガタン
ガタン
CLANKETY
CLANK
ガタン
LOOK OUTSIDE!
WE'RE HERE!
ALL THESE MOUNTAINS!!
LET ME
SLEEP
SHAKE
SHAKE
ゆさ
ゆさ

さる園・野草園
[七合目]高尾山に登ろう!
Monkey Park / Wild Plants Garden
Yakuoin Temple / Mountaintop
猿園・野草園 药王院・山顶
원숭이공원/야생식물원 야쿠오인/산정
CHAPTER 7:
LET'S CLIMB MOUNT TAKAO!
MOUNT TAKAO (599M)
THIS MOUNTAIN IS THE MOST VISITED OF ANY MOUNTAIN - 2.5 MILLION PEOPLE PER YEAR
THE MOUNTAIN PATHS ARE PAVED AND CLEAN, MAKING THIS MOUNTAIN ACCESSIBLE TO ALL VISITORS, INCLUDING LOCAL GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS
薬王院 YAKUOIN TEMPLE 15分 MIN
山頂 MOUNTAIN SUMMIT 40分 MIN.
リフトのりば
CHAIR LIFT 3分 MIN.
観光リフト
高尾山
大正の森 国定公園
大正チョコレート

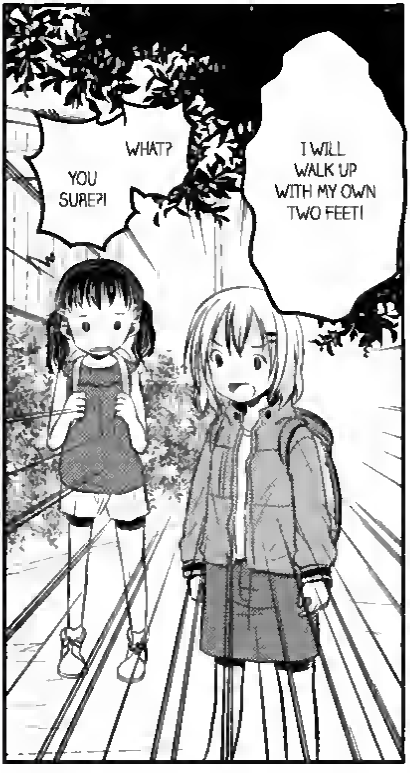
CROWD CHATTERING
高尾山登山マ
WE'VE ARRIVED AT THE MOUNT TAKAO STATION!
THE WEATHER IS PERFECT!
AND THE AIR HERE FEELS SO GOOD!
SIGN MOUNT TAKAO ENTRANCE
ALRIGHT THEN!
CROWD CHATTERING
?
?
LET'S GO!

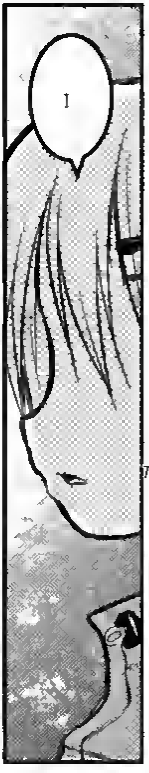

WOW, YOU'RE REALLY EXCITED AREN'T YOU?
HE HE
OF COURSE...
MOUNT TAKAO PEAK 599M
MOUNT TAKAO IS...
GOOD LUCK CHARM MAP
MOUNT TAKAO PATH #1
"MOUNT" FUJI
MOMONGA
ZIPI
THE PEAK TEA HOUSE
GOAL!!
FILLED WITH THE GOOD LUCK CHARMS!
AIZOME DOU THE GOD OF POPULARITY
TENGU NO KOSHIKAKE CEDAR
THE RING OF FORTUNE
MAKES YOUR WISHES COME TRUE WHEN YOU GO THROUGH IT?!
108 STEP STAIRCASE
THE OBSERVATORY
KISS!
THE LUCKY OCTOPUS
AERIAL TRAM
THE ECHO LIFTS
MOUNTAIN ENTRANCE
TRAIN STATION
SOUVENIR SHOPS
LOTS OF THEM!!
KEIO MOUNT TAKAO STATION (CONVENIENCE STORE AVAILABLE)
TRAIN STATION
MANY MOUNTAINS AROUND 1,000M LOCATED CLOSE TO THE TOWN ARE DEVELOPED INTO TOURIST SPOTS. THESE MOUNTAINS ARE EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND ANYONE CAN HIKE THROUGH THEM
AFTER VISITING THEM, MY LUCK WILL DRASTICALLY IMPROVE!

OH HEY A MOUNTAIN TRAM WANNA TRY IT?
!?
TOURIST TRANSPORTATION GOES STRAIGHT TO THE SCENIC SPOTS THE MOST POPULAR MOUNTAINS WILL HAVE THESE

GRRRR!!
NOW I SEE YOUR MOTIVATION...
WE'LL GO THROUGH ALL THE GOOD LUCK CHARMS!

SQUEEZE!


WHAT?
YOU SURE?!
I WILL WALK UP WITH MY OWN TWO FEET!

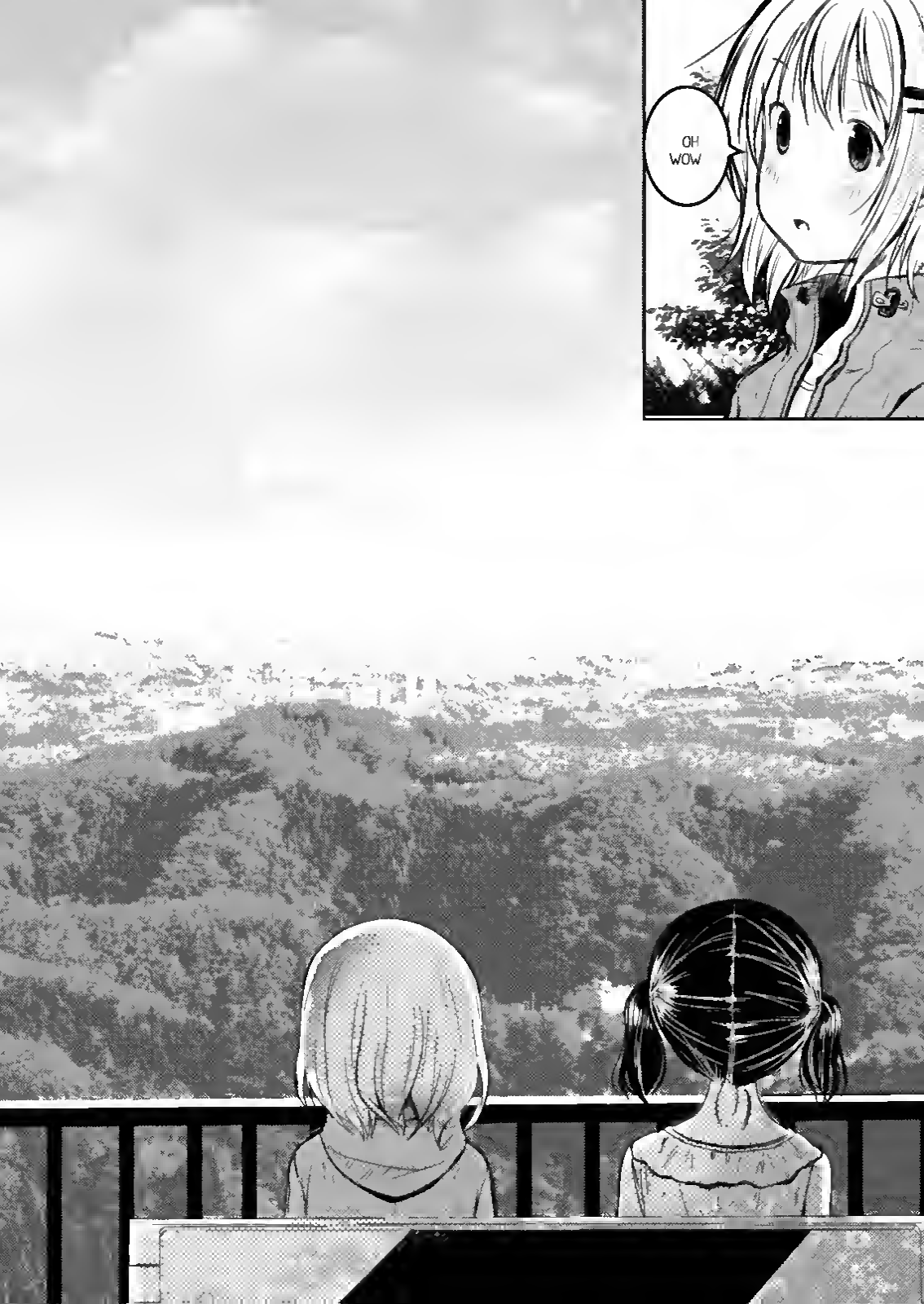

I

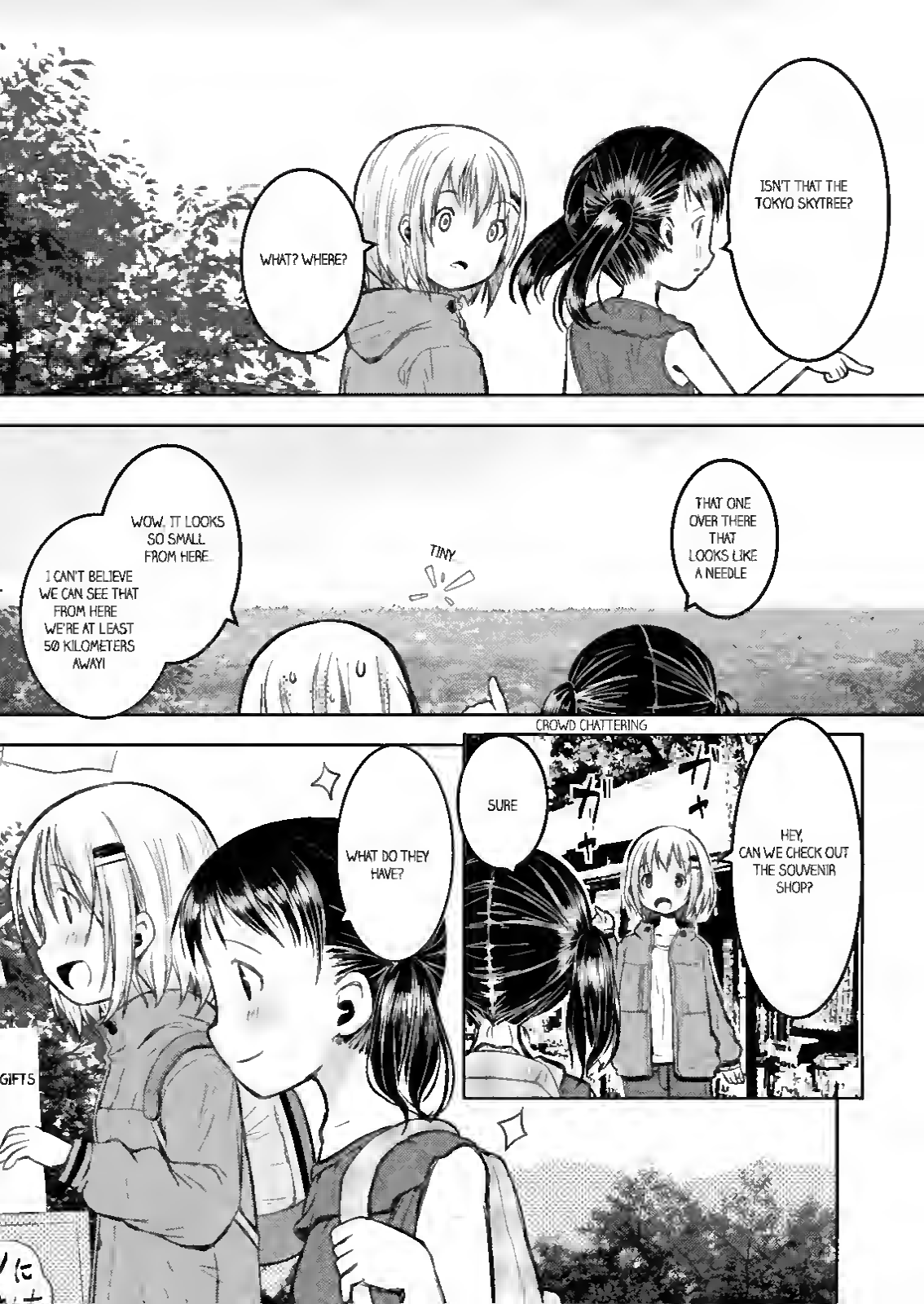
MOUNTAIN TRAM
--> KINDA LIKE THE CABLE CAR?
--> BUT I'M AFRAID OF HEIGHTS...
TREMBLE

WE HAVE SO MANY STOPS TO MAKE, SO LET'S PACE OURSELVES A BIT.
HINATA, ARE YOU GONNA STAY WITH THAT PACE?
YEAH, I'M GOOD WITH THIS.
YOU GO ON AHEAD!
OH...OKAY.
DON'T GO TOO FAR AHEAD!

OH BOY...
30 MINUTES LATER... MOUNTAIN TRAM ARRIVING STATION D
GASPING
I'M SORRY...
HMM...
SHRINKING
UGH...
OKAY
YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE IT EASY IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO KEEP A CONSISTENT PACE THAN TO RUSH YOURSELF
EXHAUSTED
OH!

WOW!
OH! THANK YOU
HEY AOI!
I BROUGHT US SOME DANGO WHICH ONE WOULD YOU LIKE?
THEY ARE FAIRLY BIG
I'M SORRY
DID YOU GET TO REST A BIT?
DOOM...
WHOOOOSH...
I THINK SO
?


OH
WOW


ISN'T THAT THE TOKYO SKYTREE?
WHAT? WHERE?
THAT ONE OVER THERE THAT LOOKS LIKE A NEEDLE
TINY
WOW. IT LOOKS SO SMALL FROM HERE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE CAN SEE THAT FROM HERE WE'RE AT LEAST 50 KILOMETERS AWAY!
CROWD CHATTERING
HEY, CAN WE CHECK OUT THE SOUVENIR SHOP?
SURE
WHAT DO THEY HAVE?
GIFTS

TA-DA!!
すう
THEY HAVE SO MANY THINGS HERE
EVERYTHING IS SO CUTE!...
THIS ONE IS AWESOME
I SHOULD PROBABLY THANK HER FOR THE DANGO SHE BOUGHT ME
HMMM...
HEY YOU READY TO MOVE?
BE RIGHT THERE!

WHAT DID YOU GET?
SS!
WOAH!

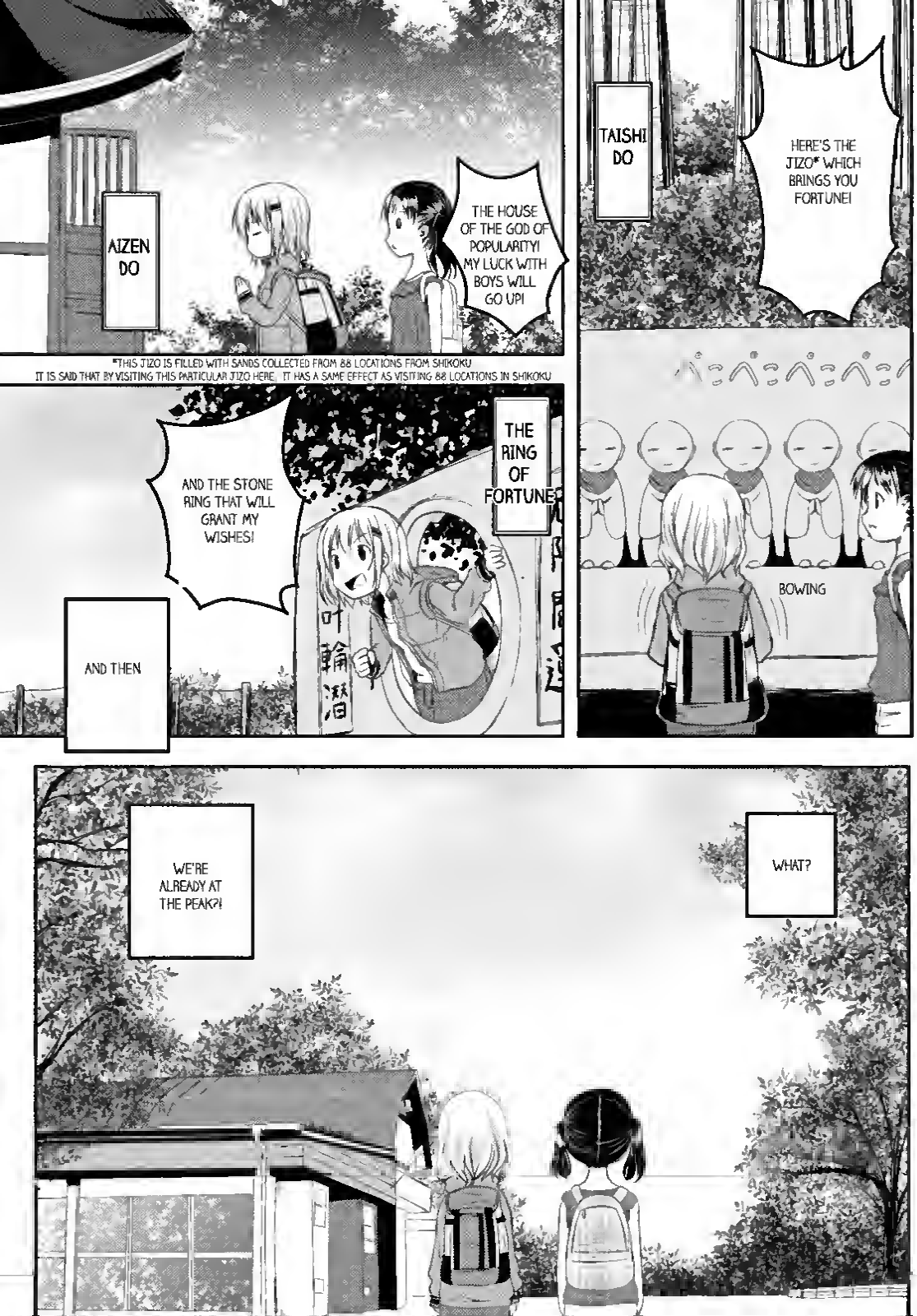
I MAY NOT LIKE IT BUT
I GUESS HER NAGGING WAS FOR MY OWN GOOD
SHRUG

A SOUVENIR FOR MY MOM
WOW, YOU'RE SUCH A SWEETHEART

UMM
SWEATING

TENGU NO KOSHIKAKE CEDAR TREE
IT'S HUGE!
THIS CEDAR IS 700 YEARS OLD! CRAZY, HUH?!
AWESOME
WHAT SHOULD I DO
A LUCKY OCTOPUS
OH BOY...
HEY, IT SAYS RUBBING THIS OCTOPUS BRINGS YOU GOOD FORTUNE.
SHINY~
HUH...
...
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!
AOI...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
IT SAYS THIS STONE STAIRCASE CAN GET RID OF OUR EARTHLY DESIRES
HOW SHOULD I GIVE THIS TO HER...
R...RIGHT
108 STEP STAIRCASE

WELL, YOU SEEM KINDA DOWN...
WHAT?!
OH BOY.
WHY AM I BEING LIKE THIS...
I'M FINE!
LET'S DO THIS!
YOU WANNA REST FOR A BIT MORE?


AIZEN DO
THE HOUSE OF THE GOD OF POPULARITY! MY LUCK WITH BOYS WILL GO UP!
TAISHI DO
HERE'S THE JIZO* WHICH BRINGS YOU FORTUNE!
BOWING
THE RING OF FORTUNE!
AND THE STONE RING THAT WILL GRANT MY WISHES!
AND THEN
WE'RE ALREADY AT THE PEAK?!
WHAT?

*THIS JIZO IS FILLED WITH SANDS COLLECTED FROM 88 LOCATIONS FROM SHIKOKU
IT IS SAID THAT BY VISITING THIS PARTICULAR JIZO HERE, IT HAS A SAME EFFECT AS VISITING 88 LOCATIONS IN SHIKOKU

THAT WAS FAST
IT WAS MUCH EASIER THAN I'D EXPECTED
LUNCH TIME THEN?
GROWL
SURE!
PHEW
OH!
RUSTLE
WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS
DOOM
HEY AOI!

MOUNT FUJI IS OVER THERE! IT LOOKS FAINT BECAUSE WE'RE SO FAR...
TA-DA!!
WOW!
HEART THUMPING.....
どき
HERE TAKE THIS
どき
THIS IS FOR THE DANGO YOU BOUGHT ME
HUH?
HEY HINATA...
RUSTLE
WHAT IS IT?
COOL!
I GUESS IT WORKED OUT IN THE END...?
WOW!

THIS IS REALLY CUTE!
THANK YOU!
YEAH, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A LOT LONGER.
SO, THIS WAS AN UNEXPECTEDLY SHORT CLIMB
GOOD. SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE LIKES IT.
YEAH. YOU'RE WELCOME
もじっ
BLUSHING...
WHAT?
HOW ABOUT WE TRY A DIFFERENT PATH ON OUR WAY DOWN?
OKAY, THEN

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME I SAW A STREET LAMP ON A MOUNTAIN PATH
A STREET LAMP?!

ヤマノススメ
Encouragement of Climb.

LET'S TAKE THE...
...ROUGHEST PATH OUT ON OUR WAY DOWN!
WHAT
VERY OBVIOUSLY UNENTHUSIASTIC
WHY WOULD WE WANT TO DO THAT...?
WELL,
OUR WAY UP WAS SO EASY
I'M NOT SATISFIED JUST YET
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT... BUT...
MEH
MUNCH MUNCH
RIGHT?!
COME ON, LET'S DO THIS!
WHAT?!

[八合目]
森の中に森ガール!?
CHAPTER 8: A FOREST GIRL IN THE FOREST!?
~♪
SIGH
いいい
I'M SUCH A PUSH OVER
DOOM
結局押し切られた
SHE WON AT THE END
ARE YOU SURE WE'LL BE OKAY?
...IS THE ROUGHEST PATH HERE RIGHT...?
STEP STEP
MUMBLING
THE PATH WE'RE TAKING RIGHT NOW
BOOM!
ドーン
クマガオー
BEAR ENCOUNTER
TREMBLING
ドドドドドド
A CLIFF
ここはどこ?
私は…(略)
ALICE IN WONDERLAND...?
GETTING LOST

I NEED TO TALK TO HER ABOUT OF THIS
ALRIGHT
HELLO!
HELLO!
!?
HELLO!
HEY HINATA
何ですと!?
COME AGAIN?!
HEY AOI, YOU SHOULD GREET THEM. GO ON!
HELLO!
HELLO!
HE HELLO ?
WALKING
MANY PEOPLE HAD NO BACKPACKS WITH THEM

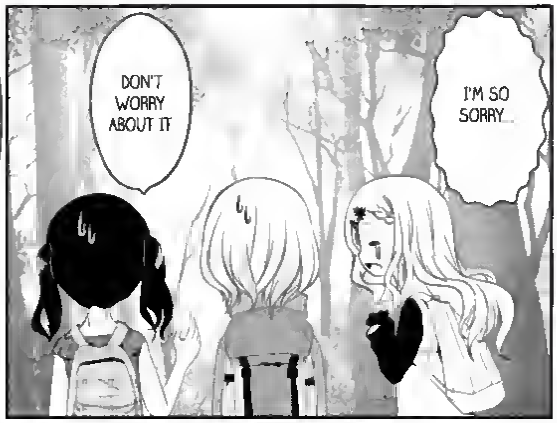
POP!
AH!
GREETING!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHAT"?
WHAT!?
OH HINATA.
I THINK WE SHOULD HEAD BACK
C'MON!
IT'S BAD MANNERS TO NOT GREET PEOPLE YOU MEET ON MOUNTAIN PATHS
REALLY?!
SWEATING
STARE.
!!
WHAT!?
YOU KNOW THERE COULD BE BEARS AND CLIFFS AND OTHER DEADLY THINGS

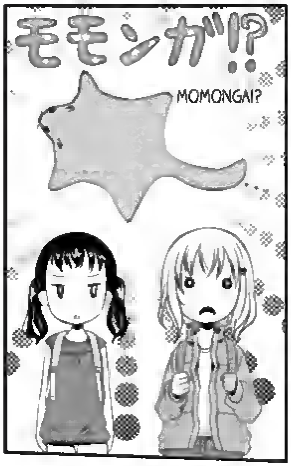
A GIRL IN THE FOREST?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
SHE'S CUTE
OH...
MY...
SHOE SOLE CAME OFF...
SOB SOB
OH NO!
I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT TO DO
ALRIGHT, HANG ON A SECOND...
DANGLING

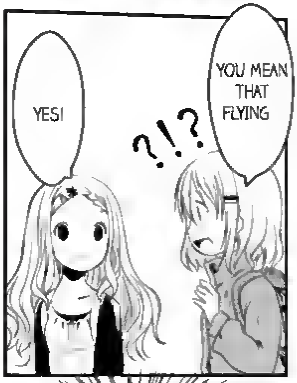
AH!
THERE THEY ARE!
WELL, MY DAD GAVE ME A FEW THINGS THAT COULD BE USEFUL IN A TIME OF EMERGENCY
HANG ON? WHAT CAN WE DO?!
FOR LONG DISTANCE TRAVERSING, SOME PEOPLE CARRY BACKPACKS WITH SHOES OR CLOTHING REPAIR KITS WITH THEM
SOME METAL WIRE
針ガネ
タコひも
A BUNDLE OF TWINE
DUCT TAPE (WITH NO CORE)
ガムテープ
芯は抜いてある
HMMM
LET'S TRY THIS OUT
AH!
HOW ABOUT USING THE METAL WIRE WITH THE DUCT TAPE?
THE DUCT TAPE ALONE MAY NOT WORK.
STARTING TO ENJOY THE SITUATION

THIS IS AWESOME!
HOW IS IT?
HOP HOP!
GOOD!
WELL THEN...
I'LL BE ON MY WAY!
FLUSTERED
AHI
TRIP!
YOU TWO SAVED ME!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
WHY
SOB
WHY DON'T WE GO TOGE THER?

BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ALL ALONE?

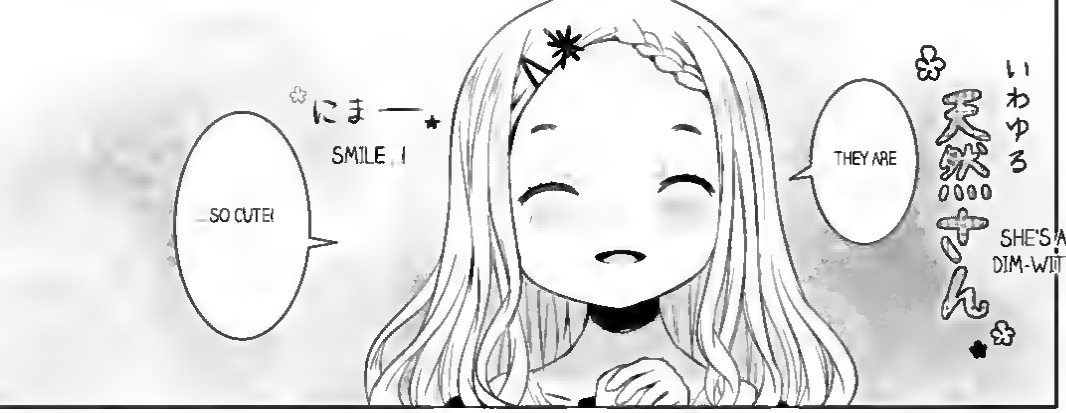

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
I'M SO SORRY...

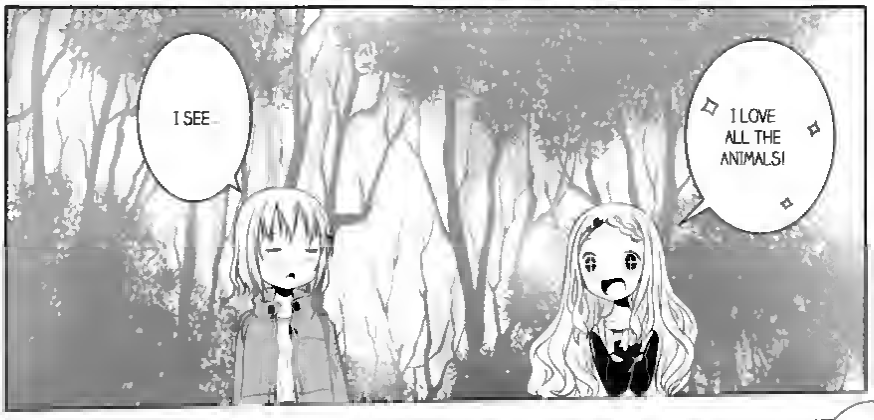

モモンガ!?
MOMONGA!?


YOU MEAN THAT FLYING
YES!
?!?

IS SHE...

I HEARD THAT YOU CAN SEE A MOMONGA HERE
SO I CAME LOOKING FOR IT
?


いわゆる
天然ってやつ
SHE'S A BIT DIM-WITTED
にまー
SMILE...!
...SO CUTE!
THEY ARE


I SEE...
I LOVE ALL THE ANIMALS!

WHAT?!
IT'S NOON RIGHT NOW
ISN'T THE MOMONGA NOCTURNAL?
WAIT...
SHE'S REALLY CUTE...

I'M TAKING BACK WHAT I SAID BEFORE. SHE'S KINDA ANNOYING!!
DOOM
ずーん
THIS IS HORRIBLE.
IT'S NOT HERE?

OH WOW!!
SPRINKLING...
THERE'S A LITTLE STREAM ON OUR PATH!!
YOU HAVE TO WALK VERY CAREFULLY...
HEART THUMPING
IT'S REALLY SLIPPERY!!
WHOA!
SLIP!
?
THUMP

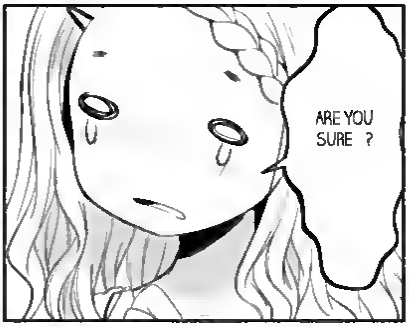
ぴと
STICK!
ぐっ
GRAB!

I'M SORRY FOR HANGING ON TO YOU
MY SHOES ARE REALLY SLIPPERY
ああ…そうか！
針金を巻いたから…
THAT'S RIGHT BECAUSE OF THE METAL WIRE ON HER SHOES

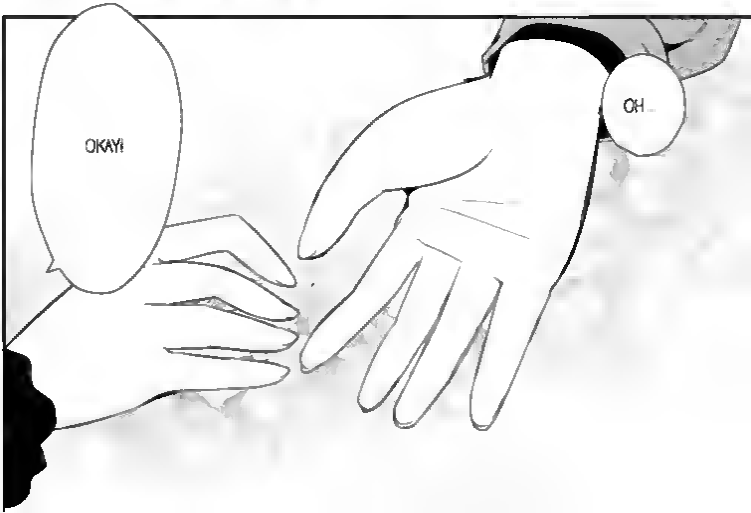
SHE CAME ALONG WALKING IN THAT HALF BROKEN SHOE!
DAMAGED
SOMEONE HAS TO HELP HER!
OKAY!

LET'S HOLD HANDS!

IT'S OKAY, LET'S GO TOGETHER
IT'S REALLY DANGEROUS WALKING LIKE THAT!


ARE YOU SURE ?

HEART THUMPING


OKAY!
OH...

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YES, SORRY
YOU KNOW,
IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU SAID "THANK YOU" INSTEAD OF "I'M SORRY"
THAT'D MAKE ME HAPPIER
OH THANK YOU
YEAH, I'M NOT THE ONE TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
NO... NOTHING MUCH...
OH!
I HAVE TO KEEP IT TOGETHER!
WOBBLE!
WHOA!
WELL, SINCE HER SHOE IS LIKE THIS...
I FIGURED WE SHOULD HOLD HANDS TOGETHER...
I SEE
THAT'S ACTUALLY DANGEROUS
IT IS?
WELL... IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE

WHOA!
WE CAN ALL HOLD HANDS TOGETHER!
NO!
WE'RE FINE!
!?!
YOU CLEARLY SUCK AT THIS IT'S BETTER IF I LEAD US
WHAT WAS THAT?!
GRRRR!
BUT YOU TWO ALMOST TRIPPED TOGETHER JUST NOW
UMM
OH!

I'M SORRY. DIDN'T MEAN TO ARGUE...
OH BOY, WHAT AM I DOING?
BLUSHING
BUT...
NO WORRIES...
BEING WITH YOU TWO IS FUN
I GUESS
THIS ISN'T SO BAD
GOOD
THEN LET'S GET MOVING...
BY THE WAY, YOU ARE
AHI
OH RIGHT! MY NAME IS...

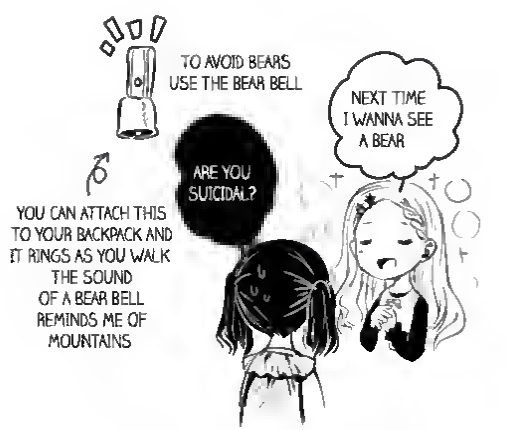
MY NAME IS HINATA
MY NAME IS AOI. I'M IN 10TH GRADE.
MY NAME IS COCONA! I'M IN 8TH GRADE!
ALRIGHT THEN, NOW THAT WE'VE INTRODUCED EACH OTHER... LET'S GET GOING!
HELLO!
HELLO!
SPLASH
WOW...
HEY LOOK, A WATERFALL!

A SCOOTER?!
WHAT?!
RUMBLE RUMBLE
HELLO!
RUMBLE RUMBLE
EXCUSE ME! PASSING BY!
WHAT IS HE CARRYING ?
びっくり
SHOCKED!
BIRDS CHIRPING
チュン
チュン
PROBABLY RIGHT OVER THERE...
YOU RE PROBABLY RIGHT
SINCE THE SCOOTER CAN COME UP HERE
WELL, DOESN'T THIS MEAN WE'RE ALMOST AT THE ENTRANCE?

WE'RE HERE!
(TOGETHER)
高尾山登山口
SIGN
MOUNT TAKAO
ENTRANCE
UMM
EXCUSE ME!
THAT WAS
SOME
PATH!
REALLY?
I THOUGHT
IT WAS
FUN
わはっ
FWAP!
THANK YOU
SO VERY MUCH!
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!
RIGHT

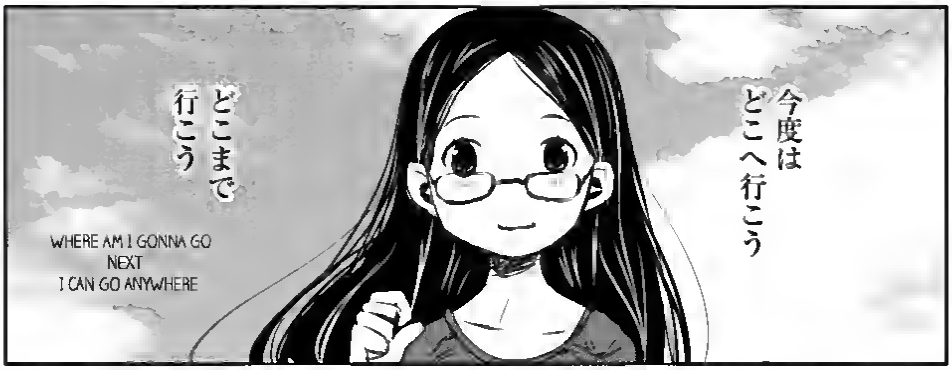
IT MUST'VE BEEN A HARD DAY FOR HER
SOBBING
I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH
NO WORRIES I HAD FUN!
OF COURSE
HUH?
POKE!
BUT I HAD FUN TOO
ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T GET TO SEE THE MOMONGA.
WHAT'S UP?

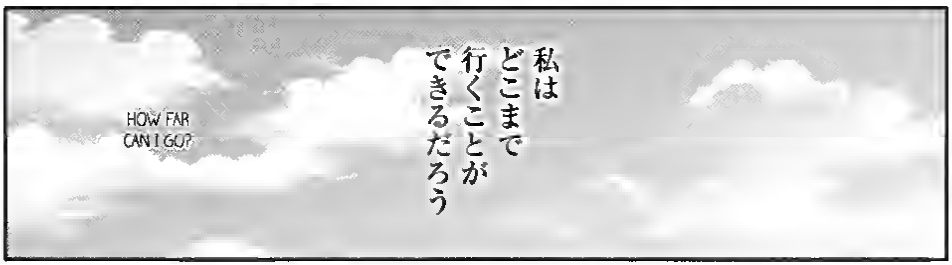
LOOK! THERE'S A SQUIRREL!
SQUIRREL ORDER RODENTIA SCIURIDAE SQUIRRELS CAN BE SPOTTED ON MOUNT TAKAO A MOMONGA IS A SUB SPECIES OF SQUIRREL
DASH!
COOL!
SURPRISED
IT WAS SO CUTE
YES HE WAS!
I'M GLAD I CAME HERE TODAY!
I'M GLAD WE WALKED DOWN TOGETHER
YEAH...
BY THE WAY WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
I'M FROM HANNO CITY, SAITAMA!
WE LIVE IN THE SAME CITY!
LET'S HANG OUT TOGETHER AGAIN!


TO AVOID BEARS USE THE BEAR BELL
NEXT TIME I WANNA SEE A BEAR
ARE YOU SUICIDAL?
YOU CAN ATTACH THIS TO YOUR BACKPACK AND IT RINGS AS YOU WALK
THE SOUND OF A BEAR BELL REMINDS ME OF MOUNTAINS

ヤマノススメ
Encouragement of Climb.

AFTERWARDS





SPECIAL THANKS
REYCA KABURA

HOPEFULLY YOU ENJOYED THIS BOOK.
I INTEND TO KEEP ON WRITING, ONE PAGE AT A TIME
I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT,
AND PLEASE SUPPORT AOI AND HINATA WITH YOUR WARM EMBRACE

THIS BOOK ACTUALLY HAPPENS TO BE MY FIRST PUBLISHED BOOK.
I CAN'T HELP BUT GET EMOTIONAL OVER IT

—I'M NOT GOOD AT MAKING SPEECHES. ATTEMPTING TO WRITE SOMETHING SIMPLE MADE THE PAGE PRACTICALLY BLANK. I NEVER CEASE TO AMAZE MYSELF

I KNOW THAT THE AFTERWARD IS SUPPOSE TO BE ABOUT MY AFTER THOUGHTS FOR THIS BOOK—

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING
ENCOURAGEMENT TO CLIMB VOLUME ONE

COLUMN TO ENCOURAGE CLIMBING

IN WHICH THE AUTHOR EXPLAINS KEY ITEMS FROM EACH CHAPTER!

CHAPTER 1
TENTS

WELL, IF YOU'RE GOING MOUNTAIN CLIMBING, OF COURSE YOU'LL NEED A TENT

YOU CAN SEE SCORES OF TENTS LINED UP AT THE FOOT OF A MOUNTAIN, AND AFTER SUNSET THEY MAKE A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT SHIMMERING IN MANY DIFFERENT COLORS UNDER THE STARRY SKY.

TENTS ARE THE MOST EXPENSIVE OF ALL MOUNTAINEERING GEAR: EVEN A SINGLE-PERSON TENT COSTS AT LEAST 20,000 YEN, AND THEY CAN GO AS HIGH AS 70,000 YEN IF YOU'RE UNWARY.

AS EACH COMPANY STRIVES TO MAKE THEIR PRODUCTS EVER LIGHTER AND EASIER TO SET UP, NOWADAYS THESE TENTS CAN BE PACKED INTO A SPACE UNIMAGINABLE FOR SOMETHING THAT A PERSON CAN LIVE IN; MOST WEIGH ONLY 1-2 KG, AND THERE ARE EVEN LIGHT TENTS THAT WEIGH LESS THAN 1 KG.

THE TENT MATERIAL IS SO FLIMSY THAT YOU COULD ALMOST SEE THROUGH IT FROM THE OUTSIDE, THE POLES ARE SO LIGHTWEIGHT THAT YOU WORRY WHETHER THEY'LL HOLD UP, AND THE FLOOR IS OF COURSE JUST ONE THIN LAYER OF CLOTH. WORST OF ALL, THE TENT'S CRAMPED AND TOUGH TO EVEN STAND UP IN, SO IT'S REALLY HARD TO CALL IT "LIVABLE".

BUT WHEN YOU'RE IN THE MOUNTAINS, EVEN A TENT LIKE THAT WILL GIVE YOU VALUABLE MORAL SUPPORT AND THE PROMISE OF A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP.

A TENT ALSO TEACHES YOU JUST HOW PRECIOUS SHELTER IS FOR PEOPLE.

THE TENT THAT APPEARED IN CHAPTER 1 WAS MO**BELL'S "MOO*LIGHT I", A TOURING TENT FOR 1-2 PEOPLE. I ORIGINALLY BOUGHT ONE TO USE WHEN TRAVELING BY BIKE, SO IT'S A BIT HEAVIER THAN TYPICAL (2.3 KG) BUT SINCE IT'S EASY TO SET UP EVEN IN LOW LIGHT, AND HAS GOOD STRENGTH AND VENTILATION, I REPURPOSED IT FOR CLIMBING. CLIMBING GEAR IS EXPENSIVE, AND MAKING SUBSTITUTIONS WHEREVER YOU CAN IS THE SECRET TO KEEPING COSTS DOWN.

CHAPTER 2
PORTABLE STOVES

IN THIS CHAPTER, HINATA MAKES TEA WITH A "PORTABLE STOVE", WHICH USES PROPANE GAS TO HEAT WATER OR COOK FOOD.
THE NEAREST EQUIVALENT I CAN THINK OF IS A PROPANE-TANK-STYLE BURNER, LIKE THAT USED FOR HOT-POT, EXCEPT SMALLER AND MORE LIGHTWEIGHT.

SEVERAL DIFFERENT COMPANIES SELL PORTABLE STOVES, BUT ANY BRAND WILL CONSIST OF A MAIN UNIT AND A PROPANE TANK. PORTABLE STOVE MAIN UNITS HAVE BEEN MADE EXTREMELY LIGHTWEIGHT FOR USE WHILE CLIMBING, SO THAT ALMOST ANY ONE OF THEM WEIGHS ONLY 100 GRAMS AND FITS IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND.

EACH COMPANY'S PRODUCT LINE HAS DIFFERENT MODELS THAT VARY IN HEAT OUTPUT, BUT ALL HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED FOR PORTABILITY AND SPACE-SAVINGS, YET INCLUDE WIND PROTECTION AND SUCH TO ALLOW USE IN HARSH ENVIRONMENTS, LEADING TO A DESIGN PACKED WITH FUNCTIONAL BEAUTY.

AFTER ASSEMBLY, THE PORTABLE STOVE IS ATTACHED TO A PROPANE TANK. THE TANK BASE HAS BEEN MADE WIDER FOR EASIER SETUP, AND ALSO SO THAT IT CAN ACT AS A SUPPORT FOR THE BURNER.

STOVE SIZE DEPENDS ON INTENDED USE, AND MAY RANGE FROM NORMAL SIZE TO LARGE-CAPACITY; SOME COME WITH PROPANE TANKS WHICH CAN BE LIT EVEN IN THE EXTREMELY LOW TEMPERATURES FOUND IN THE MOUNTAINS DURING WINTER.

ONCE YOU SET THE STOVE LEVEL, TURN THE VALVE, AND LIGHT THE GAS, A STRONG FLAME WILL BLAZE FORTH. THE HEAT OUTPUT IS RATHER INTENSE FOR THE STOVE'S SMALL SIZE, AND THE FIRST TIME YOU USE ONE, YOU'LL PROBABLY BE SURPRISED AT QUICKLY THE WATER BEGINS TO BOIL.

BECAUSE PORTABLE STOVE DESIGN PRIORITIZES SMALL SIZE AND WEIGHT, MODELS TEND TO BE UNSTABLE. PLEASE USE CAUTION, AS A POT CAN GET KNOCKED OFF QUITE EASILY IF IT GETS CAUGHT ON SOMETHING.

THE STOVE THAT APPEARS IN THE STORY IS THE SMALLEST MODEL FROM PRI***, CALLED "114 NA** STOVE". IT'S EXTREMELY SMALL AT 51 GRAMS, BUT YOU CAN CARRY ONE WITH YOU AND MAKE TEA OR CUP RAMEN WHILE HIKING OR TOURING, AS WELL AS WHEN CLIMBING. I'VE EVEN SEEN PEOPLE USE THEM AT FLOWER-VIEWING SITES. IT'S A PRETTY HANDY TOOL THAT'S EASILY REPURPOSED IN TIMES OF DISASTER, ETC.

CHAPTER 3
PORTABLE STOCK POTS AND FREEZE-DRIED FOOD

A PORTABLE STOCK POT IS A SMALL POT USED FOR COOKING ON A PORTABLE STOVE.

YOU CAN CHOOSE BETWEEN POTS MADE OF HIGH-COST LIGHTWEIGHT TITANIUM AND ORDINARY LOW-PRICED ONES MADE OF ALUMINUM, DEPENDING ON YOUR BUDGET.

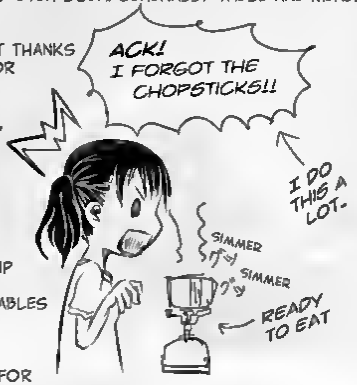
YOU CAN USE THESE POTS TO BOIL WATER OR PREPARE SIMPLE MEALS SUCH AS RAMEN. IT'S PRETTY GREAT TO TUCK A BAG OF RAMEN INTO YOUR POCKET, SCOOP UP WATER AT A SPRING ALONG THE WAY (MINERAL WATER FROM THE SOURCE! =ED: BUT BOIL IT WELL!=), AND COOK AND EAT IT AT THE MOUNTAIN TOP.

THIS MAY GO WITHOUT SAYING, BUT SINCE PEOPLE GENERALLY PREFER HEARTIER MEALS WHEN EXHAUSTED, AND THERE ARE TIMES AND PLACES WHERE YOU CAN'T DISPOSE OF EXCESS SOUP, IT'S BEST NOT TO DILUTE YOUR SOUP WITH TOO MUCH WATER.

AS PLAIN BAGGED RAMEN ISN'T VERY EXCITING, CLIMBING STORES ALSO STOCK MANY FREEZE-DRIED FOODS. THERE ARE A WIDE VARIETY AVAILABLE, RANGING FROM WHITE RICE TO CURRY RICE, PILAF, OYAKO-DON, MABO EGGPLANT, AND SWEET RED-BEAN SOUP, ALL THE WAY UP TO PASTA AND EVEN SOBA. GENERALLY THESE ARE MEALS YOU CAN PREPARE JUST BY ADDING HOT WATER.

FREEZE-DRIED GOODS ARE ALSO EXTREMELY SMALL AND LIGHTWEIGHT THANKS TO THEIR LACK OF MOISTURE, WHICH IS ANOTHER POINT IN THEIR FAVOR FOR CLIMBERS.

AS A MOUNTAIN CLIMBER YOU HAVE TO CARRY EVERYTHING YOURSELF, SO REDUCING THE WEIGHT OF BULKY FOODSTUFFS IS OF PARAMOUNT CONCERN; AT TIMES YOU'LL BE VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE PRODUCTS LIKE THESE THAT ALLOW YOUR BAGGAGE TO BE EVEN ONE GRAM LIGHTER.



BUT WHAT IF YOU WANT SOMETHING REALLY TASTY? THEN, THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO COOK ON A MOUNTAINTOP, LIKE SPLITTING A LARGE POT AND COOKING MATERIALS BETWEEN SEVERAL PEOPLE TO CARRY UP FOR A DELICIOUS HOT-POT AT THE SUMMIT. (I TEND TO TAKE DRIED GOODS, BUT I'VE ALSO BROUGHT SMALL AMOUNTS OF FRESH VEGETABLES TO USE AS TOPPINGS.)

EATING IS ONE OF THE FEW PLEASURES OF CLIMBING. ADDING THE EXHAUSTION OF A LONG HIKE TO YOUR OWN CAMP COOKING MAKES FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL TASTE. WHY NOT COME UP WITH YOUR OWN VARIATION ON A CLIMBING MEAL?

CHAPTER 4
SCHLAFSACKS

SLEEPING BAGS USED IN THE MOUNTAINS ARE CALLED SCHLAFSACKS; THESE RANK WITH TENTS AS SOME OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE CLIMBING GEAR, AND ALMOST ALL COST MORE THAN 20,000 YEN APIECE.

THE MAJORITY OF BRAND MODELS HAVE ESTABLISHED "LOWER LIMIT" AND "COMFORT RATING" TEMPERATURES; IT'S PROBABLY BEST TO CHOOSE A PRODUCT BY "COMFORT RATING." OBVIOUSLY, SCHLAFSACKS THAT SUPPORT LOWER TEMPERATURES ARE HIGHER-PRICED, AS WELL AS HEAVIER AND MORE UNWIELDY.

SOME COME WITH DOWN FILL AND OTHERS WITH SYNTHETIC FILL, BUT LIKE THEY SAID IN THE STORY, DOWN IS LIGHTER BUT HIGHER-PRICED, WHILE SYNTHETIC IS HEAVIER BUT CHEAPER - THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT GOES.

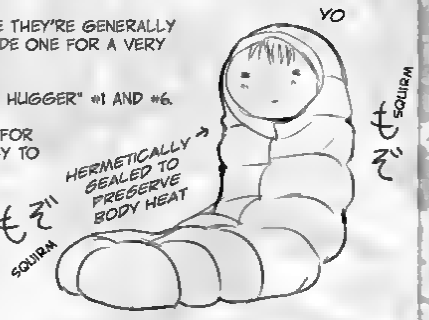
AT ELEVATIONS NEAR 3000 METERS, THE EVENINGS GET COLD ENOUGH FOR FROST TO FORM EVEN IN MIDSUMMER, SO A SCHLAFSACK IS INDISPENSABLE FOR OVERNIGHTING IN A TENT. IT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU REALLY SHOULD BUY ALONG WITH A TENT, AND IF YOU'RE CHEAP AND GET ONE WITH INSUFFICIENT SPECS, YOU'LL SPEND A SLEEPLESS NIGHT SHIVERING UNTIL MORNING... OR AT LEAST THAT'S HOW IT WENT FOR ME (OOPS).

ALTHOUGH SCHLAFSACK SPECS CAN OFTEN BE DESCRIBED AS MORE THAN NECESSARY, THIS IS STILL NOT A GOOD TIME TO GO CHEAP.

BY THE WAY, A SCHLAFSACK IS VERY WARM, OFTEN TOO WARM SINCE THEY'RE GENERALLY OVERENGINEERED FOR THEIR ELEVATION RATINGS. IF YOU STAY INSIDE ONE FOR A VERY LONG TIME YOU'LL END UP COVERED IN SWEAT.

THE SCHLAFSACKS I TAKE WITH ME ARE "MO**BELL LIL. SPI**L DO** HUGGER" #1 AND #6.

#6 IS MEANT FOR TOURING USE, WITH SPECS A LITTLE INSUFFICIENT FOR HIGH MOUNTAINS, BUT IT'S EXTREMELY LIGHT (500 GRAMS) AND EASY TO CARRY AROUND. #1 I BOUGHT BECAUSE IT CAN BE USED AT HIGH ELEVATIONS OR IN WINTER. IT'S LARGE AND UNWIELDY, BUT VERY WARM.



CHAPTER 5
ONE HUNDRED GREAT MOUNTAINS

JAPAN HAS AN EXTREMELY LARGE NUMBER OF MOUNTAINS, AMOUNTING TO SEVERAL THOUSAND, SO IT'S COMMON FOR PEOPLE TO BE CONFUSED ABOUT WHICH ONES TO CLIMB. YOU CAN TRY ASKING EXPERIENCED CLIMBERS, OR MAYBE REMEMBER ONES THAT YOU SAW FEATURED ON TELEVISION. THOSE OPTIONS ARE NICE IF AVAILABLE, BUT WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN THEY AREN'T?

AT THOSE TIMES, LET "JAPAN'S ONE HUNDRED GREAT MOUNTAINS" BE YOUR GUIDE FOR SELECTING A MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB.

A MOUNTAINEER AND WRITER NAMED KYUUYA FUKADA DREW ON HIS OWN EXPERIENCES TO PICK OUT 100 MOUNTAINS THAT COMBINE THE ELEMENTS OF "DIGNITY, HISTORY AND INDIVIDUALITY", AND ARE (WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS) MORE THAN 1500 METERS HIGH.

THESE ARE WONDERFUL MOUNTAINS, ALL SHROUDED IN MAJESTY AND POSSESSING UNSURPASSABLE INDIVIDUALITY. NONETHELESS, A SET OF 100 MOUNTAINS IS SOMETHING THAT AOI CAN MANAGE TO WRAP HER HEAD AROUND. FROM THAT STARTING POOL, ONE SHOULD CONSIDER ACCESS AND DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY WHEN MAKING A SELECTION. (DIFFICULT MOUNTAINS INCLUDE ONES THAT MAY REQUIRE 2 GRUELING NIGHTS TO SURMOUNT!)

THERE ARE OTHER LISTS, LIKE THE FLOWER HUNDRED GREAT MOUNTAINS, OR JAPAN'S TWO HUNDRED GREAT MOUNTAINS AND THREE HUNDRED GREAT MOUNTAINS, SO IF YOU GET TOO FAMILIAR WITH THE STANDARD SET YOU COULD TRY SWITCHING YOUR FOCUS TO THOSE.

YOU MAY FIND THAT JAPAN IS FAR VASTER, AND BUMPIER, THAN YOU EVER IMAGINED.

Tough but picturesque:
Yariga Dake, Mount Kita, Kisokomaga Dake
Easy climb, easy access:
Tanigawa Dake, Mount Tsukuba, Mount Takao*
*ED. – NOT REALLY ON THE LIST OF 100

CHAPTER 6
DAY-PACKS

A "DAY-PACK" IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS WHAT SOCIETY NORMALLY CALLS A "BACKPACK". IT HOLDS JUST ONE DAY'S WORTH OF BAGGAGE, ALLOWING FOR EASY MOBILITY, AND IS SMALL, COMPACT AND CONVENIENT TO CARRY AROUND.

DAY-PACKS MEANT FOR MOUNTAIN CLIMBING ARE USUALLY LIGHTWEIGHT, MADE OF STURDY SYNTHETIC FABRIC, AND DESIGNED MORE FOR FUNCTION THAN FASHION.

CLIMBING BACKPACKS HAVE THEIR ESTIMATED CAPACITY GIVEN IN L (LITERS); THOSE OF AROUND 20 L CARRYING CAPACITY ARE ORDINARILY CALLED "DAY-PACKS".

INCIDENTALLY, THE OTHER BACKPACK CAPACITY TYPES ARE: THE 5-10 L "TRAIL-RUN" TYPE, WHICH HOLDS ONLY THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM OF NECESSITIES FOR THOSE WANTING TO RUN ON MOUNTAIN PATHS; THE 40 L TYPE, TYPICALLY FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO CLIMB IN ONE DAY OR SPEND A NIGHT IN A MOUNTAIN HUT, AND THE 60 L TYPE, FOR THOSE CARRYING A TENT. PEOPLE WHO WANT TO HIDE OUT IN THE MOUNTAINS FOR SEVERAL DAYS SHOULD CHOOSE AN EVEN LARGER BACKPACK. APPARENTLY THERE ARE ONES WITH CAPACITY AS HIGH AS 120 L!

AGAIN, EACH BRAND DIFFERS IN HOW IT RESTS ON YOUR BACK AND SHOULDERS, SO I RECOMMEND YOU TRY ONE ON BEFORE BUYING TO MAKE SURE IT'S SUITABLE FOR YOU.

SOME BACKPACKS COME WITH ADDITIONAL FEATURES, SUCH AS A MESH BACK, OR AN INTERIOR FRAME TO HOLD IT AWAY FROM YOUR BACK AND KEEP IT FROM GETTING SWEATY.

A HEAVY BACKPACK THAT'S FITTED TO YOUR BODY IS REALLY LESS FATIGUING TO WEAR THAN A LIGHT ONE THAT DOESN'T MATCH UP.

YOU'LL BE WEARING THAT BACKPACK THE WHOLE TIME YOU'RE MOUNTAIN CLIMBING, SO CHOOSE CAREFULLY WHEN BUYING ONE.

CHAPTER 7

MOUNT TAKAO

UNLIKE FULL-SCALE MOUNTAINS, THERE ARE MANY LOW-ELEVATION MOUNTAINS (<1000 M) THAT HAVE BEEN TURNED INTO SIGHT-SEEING AREAS, ATTRACTING A WIDE VARIETY OF VISITORS. IN THESE PLACES, YOU SPOT MANY MORE REGULAR PEOPLE THAN ONES WHO PREFER "REAL" MOUNTAIN CLIMBING.

MOUNT TAKAO'S CLIMBING TRAILS ARE SCRUPULOUSLY MAINTAINED, AND SINCE THE MAIN ROUTE "TRAIL 1" IN PARTICULAR IS MOSTLY PAVED, IT ALMOST DOESN'T FEEL LIKE MOUNTAIN CLIMBING.

MOUNT TAKAO ALSO FEATURES NUMEROUS TEA HOUSES AND BEER HALLS (REALLY!) ALONG ITS TRAILS; WITH NO PROBLEMS REFUELING, IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE JUST CLIMBING A SLIGHTLY LONGER SHRINE PATH. AT THE SUMMIT IS A ROW OF TEA HOUSES, AND A VISITOR'S CENTER COMPLETE WITH PARKING LOT. DESPITE BEING ON A MOUNTAIN TOP. (LAUGH)

YOU CAN ALMOST HEAR THE VOICES CRYING OUT: "HOW IS THIS MOUNTAIN CLIMBING, WITH NO ROCKY SLOPES!!" STILL, THE VIEW FROM THE PEAK IS REALLY SOMETHING, AND YOU CAN GAZE UPON MOUNT FUJI IN THE DISTANCE.

ONCE YOU'VE FINISHED LOOKING AROUND, TAKE A BREAK TO EAT SOBA IN ONE OF THE TEA HOUSES AT THE SUMMIT.

AS NOTED EARLIER, MOUNT TAKAO HAS A VARIETY OF OTHER CLIMBING TRAILS; YOU COULD TAKE ONE THAT GOES THROUGH UNDEVELOPED WOODLAND, AND EXPERIENCE THE QUIET WORLD WITHIN THE FOREST.

IT CAN BE DULL TO GO DOWN BY THE SAME PATH YOU TOOK COMING UP, SO IF YOU'RE NOT SATISFIED YOU MIGHT ENJOY CHOOSING A DIFFERENT ROUTE FOR YOUR RETURN TRIP.

IT HELPS THAT THERE'S EXTREMELY GOOD ACCESS FROM THE CITY, AND YOU CAN SAY IT'S A MOUNTAIN THAT LETS YOU BUILD UP YOUR CLIMBING EXPERIENCE WHILE COMMUNING WITH NATURE.

CHAPTER 8

WHAT TO TAKE ON A LOW-ELEVATION CLIMB

LOW MOUNTAINS ARE DIFFERENT FROM HIGH MOUNTAINS, IN THAT YOU DON'T NEED TO BRING GEAR THAT'S AS HEAVY.

AT MOUNT TAKAO, YOU CAN EVEN CLIMB IN ORDINARY SNEAKERS WITHOUT ANY PROBLEM.

YOU MAY GET BY WITH A BACKPACK LOADED WITH A MAP, COMPASS, SNACKS YOU CAN EAT WHILE WALKING, A WATER BOTTLE, AND A LUNCH BOX (ALTHOUGH, THERE ARE ENOUGH TEA HOUSES THAT YOU COULD PRACTICALLY DESSERT YOUR WAY UP.)

YOU MIGHT WANT TO BRING ALONG A HEADLAMP (OR A MAGLITE) JUST IN CASE YOU NEED ONE. THE VISIBILITY IN THE MOUNTAINS IS ALMOST ZERO AFTER SUNDOWN, MAKING CLIMBING MORE DANGEROUS THAN YOU MAY EXPECT. IN THE EVENT THAT YOUR CLIMB GOES ON UNTIL EVENING, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR WAY, SO BRING A LIGHT WITH YOU IF YOU CAN (ALTHOUGH, I WAS SURPRISED THAT MOUNT TAKAO'S MAIN PATH, TRAIL 1, HAS STREET LIGHTS..)

AGAIN, MOUNTAIN CLIMBING ISN'T LIKE WALKING AROUND TOWN: IN THE EVENT OF A MISHAP, LIKE A SHOE-SOLE COMING UNSTUCK, YOUR CLOTHING OR BACKPACK GETTING TORN, OR EVEN A SPRAIN OR BROKEN BONE, YOU WILL NEED TO DEAL WITH IT ON YOUR OWN.

FOR THESE TIMES, SOME PEOPLE CARRY REPAIR TOOLS LIKE DUCK TAPE, WIRE, OR A SEWING KIT.

IF YOUR CLIMB IS OF MOUNT TAKAO-LEVEL DIFFICULTY, YOU CAN MAKE IT TO TOWN SO LONG AS YOU'RE ABLE TO KEEP WALKING, BUT ON CLIMBS LONGER THAN TWO OVERNIGHTS, TROUBLE ALONG THE WAY COULD BE LETHAL.

IT DEPENDS ON THE TIME AND SITUATION, BUT IT'S BEST TO BE SAFE AND CARRY THESE SORTS OF THINGS IN YOUR BACKPACK.

RESTING BEFORE DESCENT
YIKES, SCARY ---
SPEAKING OF TROUBLE, I ONCE SAW AN AMBULANCE AT A TRAIL ENTRANCE (A DIABETIC NEEDED INSULIN)

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